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SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR DON YOUNG SAYS:

CW legislation: A simple solution

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WASHINGTON, DC—Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Strategic Economic Development Council CW and labor task force chair Alex Sablan drummed up support in Washington, D.C. Tuesday (Wednesday morning CNMI time) for Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) legislation, calling for an extension and cap increase for the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Program.

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Probable cause found to charge Sylvestre Sablan for wife's murder

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Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio yesterday found probable cause as to all charges against Sylvestre Rogopes Sablan over the killing of his wife at their residence in Oleai last year.

At the preliminary hearing, Kim-Tenorio found probable cause to believe that the crimes of second degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and aggravated assault and battery were committed and that

Sablan may have committed such offenses.

Kim-Tenorio cited the testimony of Police Detective Simon Manacop regarding the police's investigation

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JILLIAN ANGELINE
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres poses with the chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaskan Native Affairs Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska). Young expressed his support for Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) legislation calling for an extension of the CW program.

'Zika hard to differentiate from dengue, chikungunya'

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The Zika virus has almost the same symptoms as dengue and chikun-

gunya, two viruses passed on by mosquitoes to humans, according to state epidemiologist Paul White, MSc, PhD, of the Public Health and Hospital Emergency Prepared-

ness Office at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

White, in yesterday's update and situational awareness presentation of three of the nine types of arboviral

diseases that are circulating in the region, said dengue and Zika are in the same family of viruses.

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Guam bill could lift limitations for victims of sex abuse

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam lawmakers have approved legislation that removes the statute of limitations for all sexual abuse crimes, allowing victims to sue their alleged abusers at any time.

The lawmakers voted unanimously in support of the measure Monday. The bill had been introduced by Republican Sen. Frank Blas Jr. a few months ago after several sexual

abuse allegations surfaced against former Archbishop Anthony Apuron, who denied the abuse and hasn't been charged with a crime.

Under the legislation, victims would have the opportunity to file civil actions against those they say abused them regardless of when it occurred. They would also be able to sue the institution or entity that was "acting in concert" with the abuser,

The Pacific Daily News reported.

"We can't give these perpetrators the luxury of hiding behind these crimes because they think that nothing can happen anymore," Blas said. "Victims shouldn't have to live this way or live knowing that they can't do anything."

The lawmakers' approval of the bill came after Blas received a petition containing signatures from more than 3,000 people who supported

the measure. Joseph "Joe" Santos, the founder of Silent No More, an organization that advocates to help victims of child sex abuse, presented Blas with the petition last week.

In 2011, lawmakers approved similar legislation by Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz that abolished the statute of limitations for sex abuse that took place after the date the bill was passed. The bill allowed victims

of child sexual abuse to file a civil case within a two-year period.

Cruz said the bill was ultimately watered down with many amendments to remove the "deep pockets" provision, which was included to let victims seek damages from institutions they claimed had a responsibility to protect them.

Blas' bill repeals the provisions of the 2011 legislation. **(PR)**

IN MEMORIAM

U.S. flags at the American Memorial Park fly at half-staff last Sunday in commemoration of the Sept. 11 attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The nation commemorated the 15th year of the attacks.

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Judiciary holds public hearing for \$12M loan application

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A public hearing was held yesterday afternoon concerning the CNMI's application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan. The \$12-million loan being applied for is intended to repay the judicial loan and to renovate and expand some government facilities, but no one from the public came to ask questions or express opposition.

CNMI Judiciary grants administrator Jim Stowell said the public hearing, which was held in the library at the House of Justice in Susupe, lasted only 21 minutes.

Stowell said since nobody complained or there was no opposition from the public, the Judicial Council will more likely approve the projects.

CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John Manglona presided over the meeting. Also present were Stowell, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, and Kevin Bautista who is representing Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the CNMI's USDA loan application with the public. The low-interest loan will pay off the Judiciary Building Loan, which is in arrears

and is owed by the CNMI government to the NMI Settlement Fund.

The additional proceeds from the loan will allow necessary construction, renovation, and repair of court facilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Stowell said USDA judiciary loan has been approved by the Commonwealth Development Authority and that the Senate unanimously passed a House measure for such loan.

Last month, the Senate passed House Bill 19-126 that allows the

CNMI government to enter a loan agreement with USDA in the amount not to exceed \$15 million. The bill is now with the governor for signature.

Stowell said yesterday's public hearing was part of the loan application process.

Stowell said he has to finalize the environmental and financial feasibility studies as well as the architectural plans.

Of the \$12-million loan, he said, \$4.8 million goes to the Retirement Settlement Fund as lump sum payment to the loan for the judicial building.

The remaining amount, Stowell said, will go into construction and renovation of judicial facilities in the CNMI, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Public Defender's Office.

He disclosed that for Saipan, the plan is to build an additional building with a budget cost of \$1.7 million

on 9,000 square feet at the Judicial Complex for expansion of offices—Drug Court and the Family Court.

"We're expanding," Stowell said. "Pay the Retirement Fund and build for the future."

He said the loan really has a low interest rate of 2.75 percent.

Stowell said the payment for the loan will be coming from the fines and fees collected by the judiciary.

He said for Tinian, the courtroom will be expanded, while for the Rota courthouse, its air-conditioner will be replaced.

Stowell said the loan application is expected to be submitted to USDA in the middle of October.

He said they are expecting to get the loan's approval by this December.

In November 2015, Settlement Fund trustee Joyce C.H. Tang informed then-governor Eloy S. Inos that the judicial building loan matured in March 2015, and the entire principal balance of \$4,503,660.86 is now due together with accrued interest of \$80,501.89 calculated through Nov. 2, 2015.

The CNMI government was allowed to secure a loan from the NMI Retirement Fund through a Judicial Building Financing Act of 1994 in order to build the Judicial Complex in Susupe. Construction began in 1995 and was completed in May 1998. The sources of repayment of the loan came from revenues generated by the judiciary.

Probationer tested positive again for 'ice' use, blames family members for offering drugs

Federal probationer Roque Sablan Norita was allegedly tested positive again for using methamphetamine or "ice" and blamed family members for offering the illegal drugs.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola yesterday requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI to summon Norita to appear in court and explain why his term of supervised release should not be revoked.

Arriola said the defendant admitted using "ice" on July 7, 2016 and failed to report to the U.S. Probation Office as instructed on July 22 and Aug. 2, 2016.

Arriola said Norita also failed to submit his August 2016 monthly supervision report in a timely manner.

The probation officer said at first Norita denied using "ice" but when presented with the laboratory results, he admitted that he used "ice" on July 17, 2016.

Arriola said Norita explained that he was around family members who were using "ice," and that he smoked it when offered to him.

On compliance, Arriola said the defendant submitted to the collection of DNA, paid his \$100 special assessment fee, and continues to participate in substance abuse counseling and testing.

In July 2010, the federal court slapped Norita with a 30-month jail term for his conviction of trafficking methamphetamine or "ice" and illegal possession of guns.

Norita was placed on six years of supervised release after completing his sentence. He began his supervised release on Nov. 21, 2011.

On July 26, 2012, the U.S. Probation Office submitted to the court an informational report because the defendant admitted to using "ice."

In July 2013, the U.S. Probation Office moved to revoke defendant's supervised release for positive drug tests for "ice" on two separate occasions.

In August 2013, Norita admitted to the allegations that he used "ice" again and apologized to the court, prosecution, and U.S. Probation Office. Manglona then denied the U.S. Probation's Office petition to revoke Norita's probation because he was employed.

She, however, warned the defendant that he would be subject to immediate detention should he violate his supervised release conditions again.

In October 2013, the U.S. Probation

Office moved to revoke the supervised release after Norita admitted to using "ice." The court then revoked his supervised release term for 30 days, followed by a 71-month term of supervised release in one case and a 35-month term of supervised release in the other case.

In November 2014, the court modified the supervised release conditions to include a three-month term of home detention as a result of admission to using "ice" on two separate occasions and for failing to report for drug tests on two occasions.

In December 2014, the U.S. Probation moved to revoke defendant's supervised release for using "ice" on three occasions, attempting to substitute his urine specimen during a drug test, failing to report for drug testing, and failing to serve three months of home detention.

In January 2015, the U.S. Probation Office filed a supplemental report in support of petition to revoke the supervised release after Norita failed to report for multiple drug tests and admitted to use "ice."

On Jan. 6, 2015, Norita was slapped with a nine-month prison term followed by a 62-month and a 26-month of supervised release in two cases for still repeatedly using "ice."

In March 2016, the U.S. Probation Office requested the court to revoke defendant's supervised release after he was allegedly seen playing video poker machine in violation of his probation condition. The court did not revoke the supervised release.

In June 2016, the U.S. Probation Office requested the court to revoke defendant's supervised release after he admitted using "ice" and for missing several counseling sessions.

Norita's supervised release was not revoked and instead, the court modified it to include 100 hours of community work service.

In the U.S. Probation Office's request yesterday for revocation, Arriola disclosed that on July 20, 2016, Norita was tested positive for "ice" use, but he denied using the drug.

Arriola said the urine sample was sent to the National Laboratory for confirmation testing and the results showed positive for "ice" use.

When presented with the laboratory results last Aug. 10, Arriola said Norita made an admission. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

CHCC: Zika can now be transmitted sexually

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The Zika virus can now be considered a sexually transmitted disease with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention releasing yet another advisory on how to prevent the further spread of the disease that causes microceph-

aly to an unborn child.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muna also advised people in the CNMI to take extra precaution as the virus is getting to be a major concern, especially its outcome on the unborn child.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that unlike the flu virus where

you can get either by being touched or if you talked to a person who is sick, it was recently discovered that Zika can now be transmitted through sex.

Microcephaly is a Muna congenital condition that causes an abnormal small-



ness of the head and brain development. Zika became a widespread epidemic in Brazil where a large number of cases were discovered last year.

CDC, on its website, said a person who is a carrier of the Zika virus can transmit it to his or her sex partners. Sex includes, vaginal, anal, oral, and sharing of sex toys.

CDC, as means of prevention, is recommending that pregnant women who have sex partners that recently traveled to a country with Zika to use condoms or abstain from having sex for the remainder of pregnancy.

Muna added that before

a person can get the virus through a mosquito, bite but now it could be also transmitted sexually. The sexual partner of a person who carries the virus could transmit it through intercourse.

"That now is a real concern, that's why the CDC is trying to address that. Now, it has been confirmed that it can be transmitted through sexual intercourse. It is a major concern for pregnant women, who got infected either through a mosquito bit or sexually," said Muna.

She added the main concern of the congenital disease is the outcome of a child being carried by a mother who got infected by the Zika virus. "Zika is an infectious disease and it affects the child in the mother's womb. We're talking

about microcephaly."

"When you're pregnant the idea is to protect yourself from mosquito bites. It is all about prevention, wearing of condoms, or abstaining from intercourse and prevent being bitten by mosquitoes," she said.

The CNMI remains Zika free but CHCC is filing weekly reports and stepped up its awareness and prevention campaign and screening with the Philippines having two confirmed cases and recently the State of Pennsylvania having its first sexually transmitted case of the virus.

That's why Muna reiterated that it is better to be informed about Zika, adding that more information can be found on CDC's and other

McDonald's donates to business, finance confab



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From bottom left: executive assistant to the president of McDonald's Mable Ayuyu, Bank of Guam's vice president credit officer Mike Naholowaa, and owner of McDonald's Marcia Ayuyu pose as the check is being presented at the Bank of Guam Beach Road Branch yesterday.

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Bank of Guam has accepted a generous donation for the first-ever 2016 CNMI Business and Finance Conference from McDonald's Saipan.

Mable Ayuyu, McDonald's Saipan executive assistant to the president, handed the fastfood company's \$1,000 donation to Bank of Guam vice president and credit officer Mike Naholowaa yesterday at the Bank of Guam Garapan branch along Beach Road. Bank of Guam is organizing the event along with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Commonwealth Development Authority.

"This is just awesome for McDonald's Saipan to give this money because it benefits all the businesses. I think it's very crucial that we are having this conference to make business better but also to support the local entrepreneurs here on the island," said Naholowaa.

"What we want to do is make sure the success resonates throughout the community. We really hope that be-

cause of the wonderful support of a lot of the people here that the conference would make a big difference for everybody," he added.

Naholowaa stressed that if businesses are properly taken care of and allowed to grow, it would also benefit the government altogether and emphasized the benefits of keeping businesses as local as possible for the improvement of the economy.

"It is important because if we can build up the private enterprises, the debts that bring the tax dollars to the government in turn takes care of the people. And also, let's keep the only ship of Venice to the local people—because the money stays here, that's the most important thing, the money stays here," he said.

Naholowaa was also quick to mention that international businesses are always welcome, but priority should of course be given to the local businesses. "We're not criticizing companies that are outside, but let's give a chance to the local people first. That's the message that we want to

resonate."

Naholowaa also invited to the public to attend the first-ever Business and Finance Conference.

"So if you guys have nothing to do this Thursday and Friday, come on down. There are some great speakers, great presentations, and it's something that would benefit everybody."

Ayuyu shared that McDonald's is honored to donate to the event. "On behalf of McDonald's of Saipan we are very humbled and very honored to be representing the business community and to also be donating to such an important event. It's really educational for the people," said Ayuyu.

Ayuyu also invited everyone to attend, particularly on the second day of the conference, because her father, Jose Ayuyu Sr., would be speaking about local businesses.


"We're excited to not only sponsor but we're also going to be speaking on Day 2 of the conference, so we are really encouraging everyone to get out there and listen to these experts to provide you the knowledge that you need," said Ayuyu.

The CNMI Business and Finance Conference 2016 would be held at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall A starting from Sept 15 to the 16, 8am-5pm free of charge.

MHS 1Q Mid-Progress Report out today


Marinas High School, Home of the Mighty Dolphins, would like to announce that its First Quarter Mid-Progress Report is out today,

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Speaker Demapan: Use CW cap wisely

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House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) is encouraging the business sector to use the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker nonimmigrant

visa cap wisely until U.S. Congress answers the government's call for an increase in the CW quota and the extension of the 2019 deadline

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan

(Ind-MP) are pushing to increase the CW-1 cap to 18,000 and this is one of the subjects they pointed out in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs' oversight hearing early Wednesday morning, CNMI

time, in Washington, D.C.

Demapan, who is a former CNMI Immigration officer, said that the CNMI government and local businesses have been communicating to address the current problem about the CW program, which ends on Dec. 31, 2019. He gave the booming construc-

tion industry as an example where one company would apply for a 10,000-strong labor force.

"[And] if 10,000 is granted, it would eliminate the other job categories. [That's why] we should have some sort of categories that is set aside. Like, let's say for example construction 2,000 and categories other than construction, tourism-related establishment, and so on. It is important we do that,

try to take advantage on the numbers available CW on the cap."

He added that using the CW cap the right way as the CNMI awaits U.S. Congress' decision with the points they raised would help sustain the Commonwealth's strengthening economic development.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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Alaska Congressman and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Don Young (R-Alaska) called the CNMI leaders' request a "simple solution."

"We don't have the workers in the Marianas to do the job. They're trying to recover from that downturn in the economy. I believe it's a reasonable request. I mean, if they take the workers that are needed, they know it better than we do and timeframe to make sure they can continue the bill. I believe it's the right thing to do and ask and I'm going to support it. I think it's the way to go," Young told *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing.

Young called the current economic state of the Commonwealth a success story as the CNMI was able to bounce back after the demise of the garment industry.

Torres and Alex Sablan addressed the subcommittee members in an oversight hearing on Tuesday at 11am (Wednesday, 1am in the CNMI) at the Longworth House Office Building on Capitol Hill. The hearing focused on the economic impacts of the Commonwealth-only worker program. Both CNMI leaders asked for the two main tenets of Delegate

Sablan's legislation—more time and an increase in the CW cap to ease the transition.

"I am not here to request a bailout or drastic Congressional action," Torres told the lawmakers.

H.R. 5888 includes a request to extend the federally mandated immigration phase out deadline from 2019 to 2029. The legislation does increase the cap to 18,000 contract workers from the current numerical limit.

During his testimony, Torres demonstrated the negative impact following the announcement in May by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding the agency reaching the CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2016. The CNMI lost an estimated \$192 million in business revenue in the two months after the notice, Torres told the room of subcommittee members, additional CNMI leaders and members of the federal government in the hearing.

The governor said during his testimony, with the fragile state of the economy, the CNMI is not capable of operating without a large workforce, "which at this time and in the foreseeable future must be fueled with foreign-based sources of labor."

"At the end of the day, because where we are geographically located at, in order for us to accommodate the new investment, we need the workforce," the governor told

American Samoa Delegate to U.S. Congress Amata Rade-wagen (R-AS).

Sablan elaborated further to the subcommittee, saying the relationship with USCIS has been positive and productive. But he emphasized the possibility of a loss of operational positions estimated at 3,670 by the end of this year.

Alex Sablan's written testimony submitted to the subcommittee also mentioned the catastrophic events following the realization of the CW cap crisis, as parents have been separated from their U.S. citizen children over the last few months. He made clear to the congressmen a 2019 deadline to transition contract workers out of the labor force is not feasible.

A question-and-answer period followed the oral testimony by the CNMI leaders. Amid questions about the role of USCIS, the role of the CNMI Department of Labor, and requested data about longterm labor needs, Torres and Alex Sablan applauded the work of programs to increase the local labor contingent through institutions including the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trade Institute, Latte Training Academy, and G4s.

"The idea, as the governor has alluded to, is to grow the economy through the degree that we can encourage the vast majority of our citizens to return back home that have left

in outmigration because we did not have an economy for over a dozen years," Alex Sablan said during the oversight hearing. Leaders did tell the lawmakers the legislation is necessary to achieve the desired economic development and the needed workforce, but also to entice the CNMI residents living off-island to return to "a new and improved economy in the CNMI."

"Wage levels are hyper inflating as we speak and we believe we'll be at a level where we can be competitive with respect to wages down the road," Sablan said.

Toward the end of the hearing, Young mentioned there are some who are opposed to the idea of such a piece of legislation, but he did tell the governor and leaders he thinks H.R. 5888 should pass. Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) vocally expressed her support for H.R. 5888 at the oversight hearing. But as subcommittee members recognized the need for more lawmakers to back the legislation, Bordallo said it's a "pretty big community to get on board, but we'll work it. I hope we can work together," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Young disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* he would be willing to see the situation on the ground in the Commonwealth first hand with a possible trip in February, depending on the outcome of the November elections.

where they would contact first the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention], which then would contact us."

He added that CDC would be the first to be informed since the infected person, once he or she arrives on Saipan, is still under federal land before crossing immigration. "That is anyone who is still considered not in the CNMI yet."

Before the outbreak in May 2015, which started in Brazil, Zika could infect a person after being bitten by a mosquito that carries the virus. But now it could also be transmitted sexually (see separate story on...)

"Primarily it is still a mosquito-transmitted disease. A mosquito bites and infects a person, then goes on to another, but as we have we've learned that Zika can be transmitted sexually from male to female and vice versa. And again, very recently, we learned that it could happen even if the person is asymptomatic."

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in this case, interviews of witnesses, and the results of the autopsy and DNA of Sablan as well as of the victim, Ana Maria Pialur Limes.

Kim-Tenorio ordered the 44-year-old Sablan to answer the charges.

Arraignment will be on Sept. 26, 2016 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds called to the witness stand Manacop, who testified how their investigation and results of autopsy as well as the DNA testing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory led to the arrest and filing of charges against Sablan.

Manacop testified, among other things, that when police responded to a disturbance call at Limes' neighbor on the early morning of April 19, 2015, Sablan was arrested for illegal possession of methamphetamine or "ice."

Manacop said according to witnesses, Sablan was not only shouting words that they could not understand, but also offered methamphetamine or "ice" to a witness.

At the time of the arrest, a police officer observed Sablan was wearing a camouflage long sleeve and short pants.

The officer noted that Sablan had a scratch on his belly and stains that appeared to be blood on his pants.

Hinds said the government has presented sufficient evidence to establish probable cause as to all charges.

Citing testimony of Manacop and result of DNA, among others things, Hinds said there is enough evidence to support the charges that the defendant used a paddle and sledgehammer to murder Limes.

Hinds noted that Sablan told a witness that he murdered his wife at that time when police had yet to find out that Limes was killed.

The prosecutor said it made the witness' statement very credible.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for Sablan, said there's no evidence at all to support the charges that the defendant killed Limes "with malice aforethought."

Hartig said the defendant allowed the police to get his clothes for evidence.

"That's evidence of an innocent man who was trying to cooperate with the police," Hartig said.

Some family members of Limes were present at the hearing. No family member from Sablan watched the proceedings.

Limes, 52, a former staff assistant of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), was found dead inside her house in Oleai/San Jose on April 20, 2015 at noon. Autopsy showed that she died of a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

Manacop disclosed in his report that on Feb. 5, 2016, FBI special agent Haejun Park provided him with a report from the FBI laboratory examination.

Manacop said the FBI examination showed that a chemical test for the presence of blood was positive on the physical evidence—the short pants procured from Sablan.

Manacop said the results concluded that "to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty" Limes was identified as a contributor of DNA obtained from the short pants.

The FBI examination report also confirmed that female DNA was present on a sledgehammer and pieces of wooden paddle.

Manacop said examination done on sledgehammer and pieces of wooden paddle confirm "to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty," Limes is the source of DNA obtained from both items.

Manacop said physical evidence procured from the crime scene such as the sledgehammer, pieces of wooden paddle, stick from a wooden paddle, along with the clothing procured from Sablan, were sent to the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia for analytical examination.

Manacop said that, on April 20, 2015 at 12:12pm, Sablan's brother, Joaquin, called the Department of Public Safety's emergency line and requested the police to check on Sablan's residence.

Joaquin reported that his nephew mentioned about finding Limes inside her house lying down in a pool of blood.

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the three. We advise those who are experiencing joint pains and whose fever is on and off to see a doctor or go to the hospital. Get tested right away just a precautionary measure," White told *Saipan Tribune*.

"This is just part of a wider engagement strategy, speaking and a core talk. We mentioned that we're going to arrange a meeting with the Public School System. But we've already met with seaports and airport officials, and this meeting is with other government agencies."

He said that while dengue, chikungunya, and Zika mostly have similar symptoms what differs is the person who is infected by the latter would suffer from conjunctivitis or pink eye.

Sudden high fever, severe headaches, pain behind the eyes, severe joint and muscle

pain, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and skin rash that would appear two to five days after fever are dengue's symptoms which is the same with Zika.

Chikungunya's symptoms begin three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Fever and joint pains, headache, muscle pain, joint swelling, and rashes are its common symptoms but after getting better a person who has been infected would be protected from future infections.

White, who previously worked for the United Nations and the World Health Organization, said screening arriving passengers at the airport or ship crew from the seaports are not a top priority. "It is hard to detect people with Zika virus."

"Zika can't be transmitted by a person to another person just by coughing like the flu.

About 80 percent of people who have Zika are asymptomatic, which means they don't know they have it. It is a condition of a person that shows no symptoms."

Protocol in place

White said although airport and seaport screening is not their priority, a protocol is followed and in place with the help of a number of agencies.



White

"Airport and seaport screening is not a place where you typically find or identify people who have the virus. But we have worked with [the Commonwealth Ports Authority] airport police, and the immigration," said White.

"We asked them to be on the lookout for persons who might have the symptoms. And we have a protocol that is in place

Cutting talks about islands' obesity problem at Rotary

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Latte Built Fitness & Nutrition owner and certified personal trainer and nutritionist Derek Cutting talked about childhood obesity and the health of the islands during the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting last Sept. 13 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Cutting touched on topics that are visually evident in the CNMI, including its No. 1 health concern—obesity.

"An issue that I really see here on the island is the lack of knowledge [of nutrition]. Kids learn from what the parent puts in their plate, they don't really know anything different. It's not the child's fault, but the parents don't have the knowledge either to understand that they're the ones causing it," explained Cutting.

Cutting said to prevent obesity at such a young age parents need to control the nutrients that they are feeding to their children. "It all comes down to the food they give their children and the options they let their children choose."

When asked about whether the consumption of rice has anything to do with the CNMI's high obesity rates, Cutting responded that although it is true that rice consumption is a bit too much, it isn't particularly the case. "No, not so much on the rice. Rice is not evil. Yeah, we eat a little too much here, it's in every single meal, but it's more the sugar and the pasta," he said.

Cutting shared that ever since the hardships of World War II, the people of Saipan have grown accustomed to eating canned food, even making recipes out of it.

"Coming from post World War II, when the U.S. came in, a lot of the stuff was left here. Like the SPAM, Portuguese sausage, Vienna sausage, and all that stuff, and that was all they were able to eat for a few years because of the war," said Cutting. "There was no such thing as farmer's market or being able to go to Joeten for fresh ground beef. It was all canned food. That generation got used to that because it was easy and they liked it, and they even created local dishes out of a lot of it. And what happened is that it became part of a family's meal. Now, the children are learning the same thing."

When asked if portion sizes contributed to the amount

of obese people on island today, Cutting replied that while portioning does play a role, it is usually the frequency of a meal that contributes to the various reactions of the body.

"I have seen people though that come to me and tried to lose weight and actually trying to do better. They wrap their mind around their problem that they want to fix. A lot of times, they are not eating enough. So it is not an issue of overstuffing themselves constantly, but it's that they are trying to starve themselves," explained Cutting. "When that one meal comes where they have to eat, that's when they devour a giant meal. If you are able to break it down to smaller meals, spread it out into pebbles and make it work efficiently, it'll be a lot different as far as to how your body reacts to the food."

Big changes have been improving the islands' obesity rate little by little, according to Cutting. Along with Latte Built, Cutting is happy that others are stepping up to try and address this health issue.

"I've seen a big change already for the past year and a half that I have been here, well most of the stuff I have been working on, but as far as other health professionals here on the island. We have Gold's [Gym] we have Get Fit, even Public Health, just putting out information [is helpful]," he said.

Cutting thinks that weight loss and fitness is most beneficial when accompanied with a goal or a reward once a certain goal has been reached.

"TanHoldings for example, they are doing a public relations body fat challenge. I'm the coach, and I have to explain that. I get to teach people and now they have a chance to win something. Now they want to actually participate. When you just constantly bark at them, tell them that that is wrong, this is wrong, they're not going to listen, they're not going to hear it, they're not going to show up," said Cutting. "But a challenge, a chance to actually win something and some fun involved, then they have a reason to be there, at the same time they're learning. So that is a good way for me to speak to a hundred plus people at one time."

Latte Built, located at San Jose, is a functional fitness and nutrition center, with a 24-hour gym and multiple classes to join.



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Latte Built Fitness & Nutrition owner and certified personal trainer and nutritionist Derek Cutting during his presentation at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan last Tuesday.

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'New hope' as 9/11 anniversary commemorated on Rota



EUNICE ANGELES

Rita Hocog Inos Junior and Senior High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps conducts the posting of colors during Rota's 9/11 memorial event "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport last Sept. 12.



EUNICE ANGELES

RHI's JROTC troupe in formation during Rota's "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes."

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Rota commemorated the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy last Monday as part of the nearly weeklong "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" event hosted by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Despite dark clouds looming in the horizon and roaring winds battering the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport, retired Sgt. Major Herman M. Atalig brought a new air of hope when he served as guest speaker.

"I see disciplined cadets, I see disciplined firefighters and police. We see a lot of flags out there waving, resembling the freedom. Please join me and let's give a big round of applause for all the organizers, the police, the cadets, and the firemen," said Atalig.

Humility and respect came out from the retired U.S. Army veteran and former instructor of the ROTC. Atalig also thanked the hosts of the event, Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to provide the special remarks commemorating the 15th year anniversary of the 9/11. My heart of appreciation goes to Ms. Aubrey [Hocog], the mayor's project officer, for giving me the opportunity to participate and to the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for sponsoring this auspicious event. It is my hope that we continue this project for many more years to come," he said.

Atalig expresses that any day is a good day for remembering those who have fallen serving the country. "It's a beautiful day for Rota to honor the fallen of 9/11. Tonight, on the beautiful and peaceful island of Rota, thousands of miles from the tragic 9/11 tragedy, we are standing proudly and in unity witnessing a hundred flags waving as the sun sets," he said.

"This is a testament that we will never forget the sacrifice

of those that died and served as a reminder that life is too short and that there is no time to hate."

Atalig reminisced about his time serving the country during the Vietnam War, where he saw people come together in an attempt to restore humanity amidst all the fighting.

"Fifteen years ago was one of the darkest days in American history. We witnessed on TV the destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which was similar to a war zone. It reminds me of a combat zone in Vietnam, where I hear a lot of screaming, and people helping each other at the risk of their lives."

Atalig took his speech as a window to honor and remember those who chose to serve and set aside their own personal safety for that of others. "The heroic acts of the police, fire department, doctors, nurses, and civilians demonstrate the core value of courage and humanity during the 9/11. Those memories would never be erased from my mind and the mind of the first responders



EUNICE ANGELES

Rota Mayor Ephraim Atalig, special assistant for programs of the Rota Mayor's Office Aubry Hocog, and Rota Deputy Fire Commissioner Dennis Mendiola pose for a picture with programs specialist for Corporate Affairs of TanHoldings Eunice Angeles and Melinda Naputi of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

ers and of the nation." Atalig also extended his hopeful aura to those who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"My heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the TSL Foundation for donating the proceeds to help first responders

who are experiencing PTSD. The traumatic event of 9/11 resulted in tens of thousands suffering from PTSD. Those suffering from PTSD must know that they are not alone and there is hope for a better tomorrow," said Atalig.

Closing his speech, Atalig once again offered respect to the everyday heroes of the community, making the CNMI a tranquil paradise to live in. "I would like to salute and honor the Rota Police Department, Fire and EMS, airport police,

and our local heroes in the armed forces whose lives are at risk at a daily basis. These heroes continue to stand proud to preserve peace and to protect us from harm's way. Ensuring that we would never have another 9/11."

Latest YOSI: Solomon Islands' youth driving change

HONIARA, Solomon Islands—In its milestone fifth edition, the successful Youth of Solomon Islands (YOSI) magazine sheds light of "Narawei: Young Leaders Driving Change", a tribute to young people leading by example.

This latest issue takes readers to Choiseul Province, with a special feature dedicated to youth who are part of the Youth@Work initiative implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC) and its partners. It shares stories of how young people are driving change by putting themselves on the forefront of fighting the effects of climate change and ensuring food security in their communities.

Feature articles also in-

clude young women at the heart of Solomon Islands Parliament, as well as young Solomon Islands' Olympians to name a few.

"What YOSI has become over the last two years is a voice for Solomon Islands youth and a celebration of what it means to be a youth in their country. Many young Solomon Islanders in Honiara have access to Facebook and the Youth@Work Facebook pages provide a great platform for youth to have their opinions heard as well as ideas and information exchanged," SPC Regional director Melanesia, Mia Rimon said.

"Even those who don't have internet access and those in rural areas are able to share their

life stories and achievements through the magazine. YOSI is about changing the way the nation looks at their youth as youth are saying 'We are valuable, we are contributing, we are proud,'" Ms Rimon said.

Work is already under way for the quarterly magazine's next edition which is expected to feature views and personal stories on inequality; land; corruption; cultural vs. national identity; law and order; what these mean to young people of Solomon Islands and how it correlates to national peacebuilding.

"YOSI magazine still proves to be a strong voice for young people, so we encourage all youth in Honiara to come grab a free copy from

the Youth@Work office at the Art Gallery. We invite all young writers and artists to utilise this platform to its full potential by sharing stories and artwork in upcoming issues," YOSI editorial team member, Ruth Amos said.

The Youth@Work programme is implemented by SPC in partnership with Solomon Islands Ministry of National Unity, Peace and Reconciliation, the Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs with funding from the Queens Young Leaders Programme (UK), the Australian Government

Aid Programme, the Pacific Leadership Programme and Plan International.

Youth@Work is an initiative to tackle youth unemployment in Solomon Islands and to help youth of the Solomon Islands find pathways to employment and entrepreneurship.

YOSI 5 would not be made possible without the generous contributions and support from Bmobile-Vodafone, Rotary International, Frangipani, Bank South Pacific, Nicebola, Bamboozle and Pasikifi.

A copy of YOSI can also be accessed on your phones and tablets by following this link: https://issuu.com/yosimagazine/docs/yosi_5_final_for_web. (PR)

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2 men in 'ice' case, 2 others plead guilty

Four men, including two facing methamphetamine or "ice" cases, have entered guilty pleas before Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

At a change of plea hearing on Tuesday, 26-year-old Kyle San Nicolas Cepeda and 49-year-old Dusty Nisarafach pleaded guilty to the offense of illegal possession of controlled substance.

Derrick Roque Mafnas Babauta, 28, pleaded guilty to the charge of receiving stolen property, while Kuma Xiong Lee, 26, pleaded guilty to the charge of selling alcohol to an underage person and without an identification card.

Naraja accepted the defendants' guilty pleas and the plea agreements.

Naraja sentenced Cepeda and Nisarafach to six months imprisonment. He slapped Babauta with a one-year prison term and sentenced Lee to a six-month probation.

In Cepeda's case, the Office of the Attorney General charged him with illegal possession of a controlled substance, trafficking of a controlled substance, and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance.

Cepeda signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance. As part of the agreement, the government moved to dismiss the remaining charges. The court granted the motion.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Cepeda unlawfully possessed one gram or less of methamphetamine on Tinian last Jan. 6.

Police said during a controlled buy operation, their informant managed to buy \$50

worth of "ice" from Cepeda and two other men in front of Poker Club.

Naraja sentenced Cepeda to six months imprisonment, with credit of six months.

It means that Cepeda would no longer serve his prison term. He was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$100 in court fee.

In Nisarafach's case, the OAG charged him with illegal possession of controlled substance. He signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to the offense.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Nisarafach intentionally possessed one gram or less of "ice" on Dec. 21, 2015.

Police said Nisarafach was driving a car when police pulled him over for traffic violations and that he was found in possession of "ice" and other drug paraphernalia in Kagman 3 last Dec. 21.

Naraja sentenced Nisarafach to six months imprisonment, with credit of nine days of time served.

Naraja granted Nisarafach's request to start serving the prison term at the Department of Corrections on Monday, Sept. 19, at 9am.

The defendant was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$100 in court costs.

In Babauta's case, the OAG charged him with receiving stolen property. He entered a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to the offense.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on or between Jan. 12 and 13, 2016 on Saipan, Babauta purposely received property of Matthew Iguel knowing that it has been stolen.

Police said Juvenile Correc-

tions Officer Iguel's discovery of his missing handcuffs led to the arrest of his neighbor, Babauta, who allegedly burglarized and stole numerous items from his house in Kagman.

Iguel told a responding police officer that he was outside his residence when he noticed handcuffs on the door hanging at a house, which was used to be abandoned and being occupied by Babauta.

Iguel checked the handcuffs and verified that it was his missing handcuffs. He then saw inside the house his stolen belongings such as laptop, backpack, electric fan, and beach chair.

Naraja sentenced Babauta to three years imprisonment, all suspended except one year.

Babauta was given credit for 164 days of time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay \$3,622 in restitution to Iguel and \$100 in fine. He was required to perform 200 hours of community work service.

In Lee's case, the OAG charged him with selling alcohol to an underage person and without an identification card.

Lee signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to the offense.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on March 28, 2016 at Green Consume Market on Saipan, Lee unlawfully sold alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21, who has not in the immediate possession of an identification card.

Naraja sentenced Lee to 30 days imprisonment, all suspended.

Lee was placed on six months probation and required to pay a \$1,000 fine,

\$50 probation fee, and \$25 in court costs. He was ordered to perform 40 hours of community work service.

The \$1,000 bail that Lee posted was exonerated and forfeited to pay the fine.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government. Attorney Michael Norita Evangelista served as counsel for Cepeda. Atty. Evangelista is not related to Michael Borja Evangelista,

who is Cepeda's co-defendant in this case.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit represented Nisarafach and Lee. Chief public defender Douglas Hartig appeared as counsel for Babauta.



BOARD of REGENTS Northern Marianas College NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Friday, September 16, 2016
Time: 9:00a.m.
Venue: Board Regents Conference Room
Saipan Campus

ORDER of BUSINESS

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes
- III. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. WASC Accreditation Updates
 - b. Presidential Search Update
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
 - a. Legal Matters
 - b. Personnel Matters
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Regent Frank M. Rabauliman
BOR Chairperson

Date: September 16, 2016



MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Preliminary Matters**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting – August 19, 2016
- 2) Public Comments**
- 3) Committee Reports**
 1. Finance
- 4) New Business**
 1. Board Member Resignation and Appointment
 2. MVA Philippines/Russia
 3. Russia/Asiana FAM Tour Support
 4. Budget Approval for FY 2017 Expenditure Plan
- 5) Old Business**
 1. Small Purchase Regulation (\$10K - \$25K)
- 6) Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 7) Executive Session**
- 8) Adjournment**

/s/ **Marian Aldan-Pierce**
Chair, MVA Board of Directors



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION PRIVATE As of September 12, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. IT&E	08/04/2016 ST/RWSPIm-99-X247 Amendment 2016-4	Placement of Micro Duct & Fiber Optic Cables	Chalan Laulau to Mayor's Office, Beach Road & Capitol Hill (Government Offices)	Wetlands, Shorelines, Ports & Industrial	Approved, 08/08/2016
2. Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC	09/02/2016 SW-2016-X-074	Soil Investigation	Chalan Laulau	Shoreline	Under Review*
3. Kwon & Byun Corp. dba. Saipan Atty Dive	09/06/2016 SLRm-2016-X-075	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
4. Commonwealth Utilities Corp.	08/25/2016 RSm-2016-X-0905	Road access & Maintenance Project	Ilek, Rota	Shoreline	Approved, 09/05/2016
5. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*

\$15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

SIS' Hwang semifinalist in Nat'l Merit Scholarship Program

National Merit Scholarship Corp. officials yesterday announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 62nd Annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Saipan International School is proud to confirm that one of its 12th grade students, Cerinn Hwang, has advanced to the semifinalist level and is the only senior from the CNMI to reach this level.

Hwang has been extraordinarily successful academically at SIS where she excelled in general and AP classes alike. She has earned the title of AP Scholar with Distinction and

has consistently placed on the Headmaster's List at SIS. In addition to her academic successes, Cerinn has participated at the national level in

Speech and Debate, is a talented dancer, and a distinguished student-leader at SIS.

All semifinalists are academically talented high

school seniors who have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 mil-

lion that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates

without government assistance, was established in

1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approxi-

mately 420 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. (PR)



Hwang

9 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged nine Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites DPW Channel Bridge, Puerto Rico Dump, Smiling Cove Marina,

American Memorial Park, Da-Ichi Drainage, Hafa Adai Hotel, Garapan Fishing Dock, CK Dist#4 Lally 4 Beach, and San Antonio Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI

Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (PR)

DPS sets seatbelt checkpoints on Saipan

The Department of Public Safety would like to inform the general public that the DPS Traffic Section will be conducting occupant protection and child restraint checkpoints on the dates and time listed below:

■ **Sept. 16, 2016:** First checkpoint will be along Beach Road, Garapan to

Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa from 7am to 9am. Second checkpoint will be along Chalan Pale Arnold, Garapan to Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Lau Lau from 10am to 12pm.

■ **Sept. 21, 2016:** First checkpoint will be along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Chalan Monsignor

Guerrero, Dan Dan from 1pm to 3pm. Second checkpoint will be Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico to Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai from 4pm to 6pm.

■ **Sept. 23, 2016:** First checkpoint will be along Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Perdido to Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Lito from

7pm to 9pm. Second checkpoint will be along Beach Road, Chalan Piao to Beach Road, San Jose from 10pm to 12am.

Each checkpoint will be operated for 1 hour and 15 minutes or 75 minutes. The checkpoint will be cancelled when it rains.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Anthony Macarinas (670) 483-5818. (PR)

DPS sets seatbelt checkpoints on Tinian

The Department of Public Safety would like to inform the general public that the DPS Tinian Traffic Section will be conducting occupant protection and child restraint checkpoints on Tinian on the dates and time listed below:

■ **Sept. 19, 2016:** First checkpoint will be at the Tinian center on the southbound lane on Broadway Road from 11am to 12:15pm. Sec-

ond checkpoint will be by the Youth Center on the northbound lane of Broadway Road from 4pm to 5:15pm.

■ **Sept. 20, 2016:** First checkpoint will be by the baseball field on the eastbound lane of Route 202 from 11am to 12:15pm. Second checkpoint will be by Tinian Hotel on the northbound lane on Broadway Road from 4pm to 5:15pm.

■ **Sept. 21, 2016:** First

checkpoint will be by the Youth Center on the southbound lane on Broadway Road from 11 am to 12:15pm. The second checkpoint will be by the baseball field on the eastbound lane on Route 202 from 4pm to 5:15pm.

■ **Sept. 22, 2016:** The first checkpoint will be across Turnkey Housing, southbound lane on Broadway Road from 11am to 12:15pm. The second checkpoint will

be across the Youth Center on the northbound lane of Broadway Road starting at 4pm to 5:15pm.

■ **Sept. 23, 2016:** The first checkpoint will be by the baseball field on the eastbound lane from 11am to 12:15pm. The second checkpoint will be by the baseball field on the eastbound lane from 4pm to 5:15pm.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Wally Villagomez at 433-9222 or 433-2041. (PR)

UOG's Dalisay wins 2nd place in nat'l education in journalism tilt

Assistant professor of Journalism Dr. Francis Dalisay won second place in the 2016 News Audience Research Paper Award national competition sponsored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Dalisay's paper, chosen from of 1,000 others presented, is titled, "Local Newspaper Use in Hawaii Fosters Acculturation to Local Culture, Community Ties and Involvement." The study proposed and tested a theoretical mediation model linking newspaper use in Hawaii with key civic outcomes, via acculturation to Hawaii's local culture.

Dalisay served as princi-

pal investigator of the study and first author of the paper, working with a research team of graduate students at the University of Hawaii-Manoa

and a colleague from the University at Albany, SUNY in New York.

He presented the paper at the 2016 AEJMC Conference in Minneapolis, MN Aug. 4-7.

AEJMC is a major international membership organization for academics and practitioners in the field of journalism and mediated communication. The organization sponsors refereed publications and regional and national conferences.

For more information, contact Dr. Francis Dalisay at fdalisay@triton.uog.edu. (PR)



Dalisay

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 15, 2000

CDA gets new Microloan funds from SBA

Fresh cash for local business development is expected to flow from the Commonwealth Development Authority after the Guam-based United States Small Business Administration approved the agency's request for additional funds under the Microloan Program. Executive Director Marylou S. Ada yesterday disclosed that SBA has okayed CDA's request for \$420,000 in supplemental funding that would facilitate the expansion of the highly-successful Microloan Program launched in the CNMI late last year. She added that the approval for the release of the additional funds would facilitate the growth of the Microloan Program as it will allow the agency to replenish its depleting portfolio for small-scale investors in the Northern Marianas.

Gov't officials ignore House hearing

For the second time, some government officials ignored yesterday an invitation to testify at a hearing called by the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications on a bill that will regulate boat traffic within Saipan's western lagoon. The snub prompted House Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta to issue a stern warning that lawmakers may invoke its power to subpoena officials to appear during legislative inquiries. The hearing tackled HB 12-250 which is seeking to designate Outer

Cove Marina and Smiling Cove as points for embarkation, docking and mooring for all commercial passenger vessels on Saipan.

September 15, 2004

Law governing alien workers survives legal challenge

The U.S. Court of Appeals junked the appeal of a Filipino worker who had challenged the constitutionality of the Nonresident Workers Act based on arguments asserting equal protection and due process rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment. CNMI Assistant Attorney General James Livingstone said the appellate court effectively upheld the constitutionality of the NWA as a whole, after it withstood legal challenge. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit added, though, that it is taking no position whether individual sections of the NWA would satisfy a more focused legal challenge anchored on equal protection grounds.

NMC rids itself of La Fiesta

The Northern Marianas College finally got some breathing space yesterday after Gov. Juan N. Babauta signed an agreement with the college that transfers responsibility over the La Fiesta shopping mall to the CNMI Executive Branch. Under the memorandum of agreement, the Governor's Office will relieve NMC of all obligations over La Fiesta starting Oct. 1. These obligations include the annual \$200,000 land lease and the mall's operation, which averages \$30,000 monthly after payment from tenants. The college will now arrange meetings with Hotel Nikko Saipan and Coco's Lagoon Development Corp.—the original sellers of La Fiesta—for them to concur with the agreement. Representatives of the governor are expected to attend the meetings. NMC

Board of Regents chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds expressed relief about the transfer. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which has placed the college's accreditation on warning status, has expressed concern about the financial and logistical burdens caused by NMC's operation of La Fiesta.

September 15, 2005

PSS: Enrollment slightly up, graduation rate improving

Enrolment in public schools in the elementary and high school levels recorded a 1-percent increase this year even as the graduation rate of students showed remarkable improvements in the last three years, according to a report presented yesterday by the Public School System. The report, presented by Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos during the Saipan Rotary Club's Vocational Summit held at the Aqua Resort Club, showed that total of 11,718 are enrolled in PSS this 2005-2006 school year, up from last school year's 11,599. Even though the graduation rate has been going up and down in the last five years, Inos noted that the last three years—from 2001 to 2004—showed a significant increase from 55 percent to 71 percent.

CDA to help find funds for Micro Games

The Commonwealth Development Authority will help the government find necessary funds for the hosting of the 2006 Micronesian Games in the CNMI. The CDA board, which held off making a decision on the government's request for a \$5.8 million funding for the project last month, discussed the matter in a meeting yesterday. In a recent letter to CDA, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Juan L. Babauta said \$5.8 million would be needed to renovate existing sports facilities and construct additional facilities.

Lawmakers override veto of retirement reform bill

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—Thousands of Government of Guam (GovGuam) employees with insufficient account balances under the current Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DC Plan) will finally retire in dignity, as lawmakers, in a true show of bipartisanship, voted to override Gov. Calvo's veto of Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz's landmark retirement reform measure, Bill No. 2-33(LS). With the enactment of the measure, 8,000 DC members will now have the option to stay in their current retirement plan, or transition to either the "Defined Benefit 1.75 Plan" or the Guam Retirement Security Plan.

Formerly referred to as "the Hybrid," the retirement proposal was renamed the "DB

1.75 Plan" to reflect a major component of Bill No. 2-33 (LS): a conservative Defined Benefit system with the inclusion of a Deferred Compensation (457) Plan. While current DC Plan retirees only receive benefits equal to the growth of their investment, DB 1.75 Plan members would receive a guaranteed annuity based on a formula that considers both the number of years worked and the average of the three highest base salaries. The DB 1.75 also includes a 457 Plan, in which GovGuam employees have the opportunity to contribute more toward their retirement.

In addition to the existing DC Plan, the Guam Retirement Security Plan, or Cash Balance Plan, serves as an option for all current employees

as well as those hired after January 1, 2018. The plan, authored by Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, would require a mandatory contribution from the employee and a corresponding match from the government with a guarantee that retirement account balances grow by at least 4 percent each year. This guarantee would protect employee investments from severe mar-

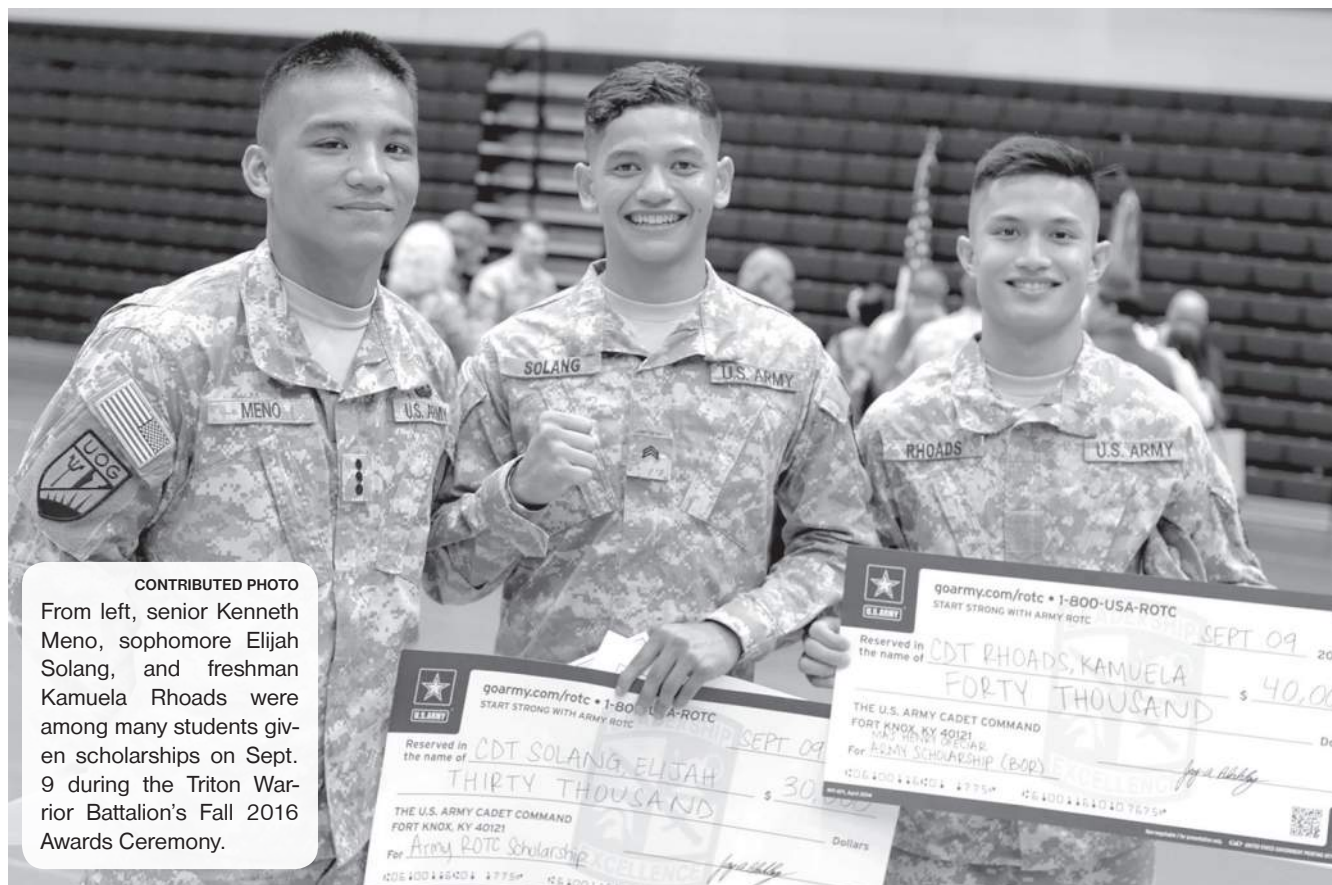
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Built on the combined efforts of the late Speaker Vicente "ben" Cabrera Pangelinan, the Government of Guam Retirement Fund ("Retirement Fund"), the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication, and Senator San Nicolas, Bill No. 2-33 (LS) stands as one of the most researched public policies in Guam's legislative history. The measure has un-

dergone extensive review and discussion during its previous iterations as four separate bills (Bills No. 453-31; Bill No. 394-32; Bill No. 2-33; and Bill No. 266-33)—spanning three legislative terms, four years of legislative research and work, and nearly a decade of review and analyses by the Retirement Fund, its actuaries, investment advisors, and financial experts.

"Today, thousands of hard-working government employees won the possibility of a dignified retirement after a lifetime of service," said Cruz. "I want to thank Speaker ben for beginning this work and my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, for helping me finish it. Together, we kept the faith of the many men and women who've placed their faith in us." (PR)

UOG Army ROTC Triton Warriors celebrated, awarded scholarships



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From left, senior Kenneth Meno, sophomore Elijah Solang, and freshman Kamuela Rhoads were among many students given scholarships on Sept. 9 during the Triton Warrior Battalion's Fall 2016 Awards Ceremony.

Won Pat votes in favor of attempt to override pay raise repeal veto

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—The Guam Legislature again attempted to override the Gov. Eddie Calvo's veto of Bill 204. Unfortunately, the bill did not receive the votes necessary for the override.

"As one of the two main sponsors of the bill, I am frustrated and disappointed. In October, last year, I spoke to Senator San Nicolas asking him to introduce a measure, which I would co-sponsor, to repeal pay raises for elected and appointed officials. Because he had then been in the forefront of the pay raise issues, I felt it proper to defer to him to take the lead on the issue that clearly needed to

be revisited," said Speaker Judith Won Pat.

For fiscal year 2016, the government has seen a shortage of cash: DOE, UOG, and GCC allotments continue to be behind; we have yet to correct the crisis at our hospital; and other Government of Guam agencies remain deficient. The Guam Legislature passed a very conservative Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, adopting conservative revenues. Speaker Won Pat believes that the government must take the necessary measures to help fund government operations and repealing the pay raise is one step in achieving cost savings. (PR)

2nd Rotaract Youth Leadership Conference unites future leaders

The Rotaract Club of the Marianas, in partnership with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, is hosting the 2nd Rotaract Youth Leadership Conference—"Uniting Our

Future Leaders" on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 at the Pacific Star Resort & Spa from 8am to 4pm.

RYLC is a leadership development conference for Guam's youth aimed at building skills in public speaking, substance abuse prevention, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Young leaders will have the opportunity to collaborate with one another in a series of workshops, team building activities and energizer games.

The event will feature keynote speaker Oliver Alvarez, senior deputy governor of Youth Service from Rotary International District 3810 of the Philippines. His dynamic

presentation will bring his professional experience of working in and for the community of the Philippines to the Guam audience in hopes of inspiring change and positive attitudes.

Registration is free and open to high school students from the ages of 14 to 17. High school students who are interested in attending or would like to know more information about the 2nd Rotaract Youth Leadership Conference can send an email to the Rotaract Club of the Marianas at rotaractmarias@gmail.com or contact Sean Rupley at 689-0818.

The Rotaract Club of the Marianas is a local non-profit service organization sponsored by Guam's Rotary Clubs. The organization seeks to address the community's needs through service as well as to build young professionals to become ethical and effective leaders. (PR)

The University of Guam Army ROTC Triton Warrior Battalion last Friday celebrated the achievements of its cadets with an award ceremony, welcoming the 11 newest contractees and awarding nearly \$331,000 in scholarship money to several cadets.

Cadets Zachary Aquino, Justin Cabrera, Lowella Di Ramos, Julio Gomez, Flora Jean Jordan, Charles Leong, Jerome Long, Jeralyn San Nicolas, Elijah Solang, Kelvin Topasna, and Richard Valerio Jr. were all contracted on Sept. 9.

Among them, six were awarded the National Scholarship worth \$10,300 per year, which are awarded to cadets at each ROTC battalion nationwide. The scholarships are managed through the United States Army Cadet Command.

Cadets Zachary Aquino, Daryl Manlangit, Arthur Nedlic, Kamuela Rhoads, Allen Sizemore, and Steven John Stovall were awarded the Henry Ofeciar Army Scholarship worth \$9,500 per year.

Other awards and recognitions

Nearly 30 UOG Triton Warriors traveled to Fort Knox, Kentucky over the summer to

complete either Cadet Initial Entry Training or the Cadet Leadership Course.

Six other cadets completed the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program, which takes cadets to places like Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Montenegro, and Mozambique to work and train with the militaries of those countries while gaining knowledge of their culture.

Below is a list of all awards, scholarship recipients and recognitions during the 2016 Fall Semester:

CADET INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING

Christopher Andrada
Joyce Borja
Lowella Di Ramos
Yves Macalino
Tabatha Manglona
Johnroy Perez
Shannon Ryes
Jerilyn San Nicolas
John Sazon
Elija Solang

CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TRAINING

Arnie Aban - Tanza, Philippines
Jhon Michael Delfin - Mozambique, Africa

Maria Marinas - Montenegro, Europe
Johnroy Perez - Cabo Verde, Africa
Richard Pizarro - Bulgaria, Europe
Teresa Marie Santos - Czech Republic, Europe

CADET PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Michael Delfin - Air Assault School
Kenneth Meno - Airborne School

CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING

Thomas Borgonia
Jane Han

CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

Michael Delfin
Kenneth Meno
Thomas Borgonia
Jane Han
Arnie Aban
Mark Bato
Stephen Charfauros
Jhon Michael Delfin
Rannie Lintag
Alejo Lujan
Geminiano Madlangbayan
Maria Marinas
Daryl Manlangit
Nathan Mercado
Don Olkeril
Richard Pizarro

Teresa Marie Santos
Christopher Wintterle

ROTC NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Christopher Andrada
Justin Cabrera
Kortney Camacho
Flora Jordan
Tabatha Manglona
Jeralyn San Nicolas
Michael Schommer
Allen Sizemore
Elijah Solang
Steven John Stovall
Kelvin Topasna
Richard Valerio

MAJOR HENRY OFECIAR ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Zachary Aquino
Daryl Manlangit
Arthur Nedlic
Kamuela Rhoads
Allen Sizemore
Steven John Stovall

NEW CONTRACTEES

Zachary Aquino
Justin Cabrera
Lowella Di Ramos
Julio Gomez
Flora Jean Jordan
Charles Leong
Jerome Long
Jeralyn San Nicolas
Elijah Solang
Kelvin Topasna
Richard Valerio Jr. (PR)

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The debate stakes are rising for Clinton and Trump

Some political debates are about ideas and issues. The 1858 U.S. Senate debates in Illinois between Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln focused on the future of slavery in America. The candidates talked for a total of three hours in each of seven sessions, exploring, as Douglas put it, the “leading political topics which now agitate the public mind.”

Three hours? We’re against that.

Modern presidential debates owe a debt to Lincoln-Douglas for setting the precedent of candidates jousting on a shared stage, but each election also exists in its own time. And so we’re struck by how different this year’s debates are shaping up compared with contests recent and distant. Two weeks before the first scheduled presidential debate Sept. 26, the single question agitating the public’s mind is not whose ideas are more substantial or exciting, but something far more prosaic: Who is fit to lead our nation?

And given events of recent days, the stakes couldn’t be much higher for this year’s major-party candidates. Then there’s a certain third-party candidate ...

If you think about presidential elections since the first televised debate (Kennedy vs. Nixon on Sept. 26, 1960, in Chicago), you find stark contrasts in backgrounds and politics. But we’ve seen nothing like Clinton vs. Trump in terms of the public’s skepticism of both candidates.

Donald Trump, a real estate developer and reality TV star, has no prior experience in public service or even public accountability. His campaign M.O. is to make grandiose promises, avoid specifics about what he’d actually do as president and fill most of the rest of his waking hours with outrageous comments. Then he wakes up the next morning and does it again. A majority of voters find him unlikable and unqualified to be president.

Hillary Clinton, by contrast, is a former secretary of state, senator and first lady, steeped in national leadership experience. Yet her candidacy divides the country more than it unifies voters behind the history-making prospect of electing America’s first female president. Clinton’s problems center on trust and judgment: The head of the FBI cites her for being “extremely careless” for mishandling sensitive emails as secretary of state. That scandal feeds a nagging sense that she’s a corner-cutter whose ambitions drive her decisions. A majority of voters find her unlikable and untrustworthy.

Polling is clear on the public’s antipathy for both candidates, but we saw something new and, frankly, shocking in a 50-state survey by The Washington Post and SurveyMonkey: Nationally, 55 percent of respondents say Clinton would threaten the nation’s well-being. The number for Trump is 61 percent. Threaten the nation’s well-being? You’d think the question was asked about Vladimir Putin and the ayatollah of Iran.

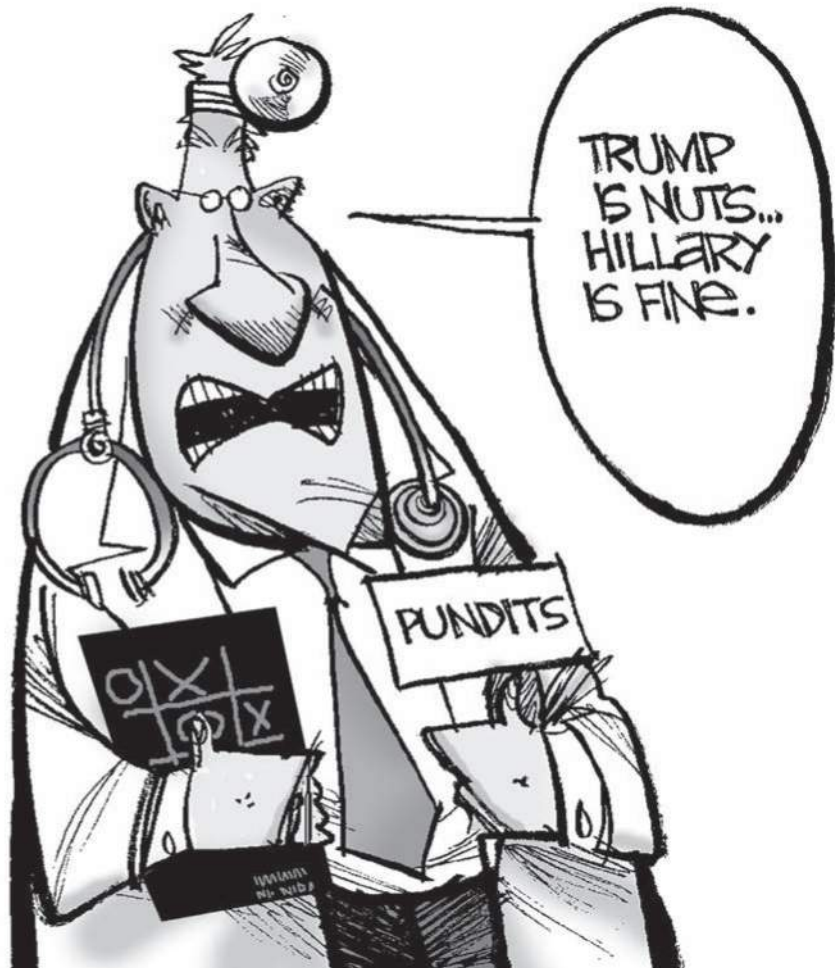
This election will go on even if, on a dark and stormy

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Clinton did what women have done for ages—keep working while ill

Hillary Clinton revealed a disconcerting flaw when she fell ill at a 9/11 event Sunday.

She showed us that she is human. Not the superhuman we have demanded she be, only human.

That’s something a woman can’t afford to disclose when she’s competing in a race that always has been dominated by men.

One of the lessons women learn early in life is that they’ve got to be tough in order to succeed. Fragility can be a fatal flaw that has brought an end to many a promising career. And whatever you do, we’re told, never let them see you cry. The bigger bitch you are at work, the more your peers will respect you. These are rules from the workplace playbook women memorize before we’re even out of high school.

Now that we have our first female presidential nominee from a major party, we are hearing about other rules that apply to women seeking the nation’s highest office: Never let them see you cough or take a sip of water to clear your throat, and for God’s sake, don’t stumble while getting into your campaign SUV.

Pictures of the would-be commander in chief being supported by a staff member as she abruptly left the 9/11 memorial event in New York put Clinton’s health on showcase in her contentious race against Donald Trump. And the video showing her nearly collapsing into the arms of Secret Service agents as she stepped into her vehicle was enough to convince some that she is hiding a serious illness.

The fact that her doctor said later that Clinton had been diagnosed with pneumonia a couple of days before was met with skepticism. Her doctor’s note carried far less weight than the one Trump’s physician quickly scribbled giving him a clean bill of health while the candidate waited outside in a car.

At age 68, Clinton is two years younger than Trump. But by America’s sexist double standard, she’s the equivalent to 100 while he’s considered to still have the virility of a 30-year-old. As a result, her health is deemed more vulnerable than even the Republican Party’s beloved Ronald Reagan, who was 69 when first elected president.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani summed up Clinton’s

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health this way after she attended a recent news conference with New York police officers. She “looked tired” and she “looked sick,” he said.

The not-so-subtle point is that Clinton is an old woman, way past her prime and usefulness. Rather than trying to be president, she should be content sitting at home, spending her twilight years enjoying her grandchildren.

When it comes to electing a female head of state, the U.S. lags behind other countries, even some that are considered far less progressive. At this moment, there are more than a dozen female presidents, ruling countries such as Chile, South Korea and Liberia. In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel has been calling the shots for more than a decade. And in Great Britain, Theresa May just took over as prime minister, following a path set by Margaret Thatcher in 1979.

But in the U.S., we are still lukewarm to the idea of having a woman at the helm of our government. Part of the reason is that many Americans still don’t consider women equal to men.

We work the same jobs as men, but with less pay. We work as hard as men do, but often don’t get the same opportunities for advancement. And as the recent debacle at Fox News shows, women are still subjected to sexual harassment and often treated as though they are a disposable commodity in the workplace.

So when Hillary Clinton stumbled on Sunday, she let her guard down and showed her weakness, her vulnerability. In that moment, it was easy to forget what an accomplished statesman she is, that she has served in the U.S. Senate and held one of the most important jobs in our democracy — secretary of state.

She didn’t look like a seasoned diplomat. In the eyes of some, she was merely a woman and a sickly one at that. Even some of her ardent supporters panicked. Is she strong enough to stand up to bullies like Vladimir Putin and loose cannons like Kim Jong Un? Is she a match for our most ardent foe, ISIS?

There’s no question that Clinton is smart. She can run circles around Trump when it comes to, well, any issue. But for some people, that still isn’t good enough. In order to feel like America is still on top, they need a man in the forefront. Trump proves

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**A prayer for the MV Luta**

The cause of the MV *Luta* that ended in a well-orchestrated and playful robbery that parted the CNMI people with their money is a travesty in our government that sounds the echo of a potion lurking with passive onlookers. This revealed more about the reality inherent in the power of the principals to say “no” but failed. Irrational contradicting action in public policy deal is the negative voice of reasons to doing the “right” thing. In other words, saying “no” to performing and achieving a public good lured by corruptible and corrupted action intended by elected and appointed government officials should be the norm and the only access to good government that matters. The negative voice of reason hails when our elected and appointed elites in government actually committed a wrong with absolved desire and contradiction that favor irrational thoughts which fumbles on the rule of law or moral consideration. Alternatively, it is the same as saying: now you are right because you are wrong; or, now you are wrong because you are right. Our elders may have used sarcasm in, “dinanchi hao, sa gof lachi hao”; or, “lachi hao, sa gof dinanchi hao.” Nonetheless, it is the contradiction that gives credence to the concept of “nothing is more real than nothing”.

The drum’s decibel that makes the noise echoing corruption in government is a personal doing acted upon by a conscious mind. A thought comes from a human person and gives reality

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that for some, any man will do.

So why did Clinton continue on the campaign trail, even when her doctor advised her to get some rest? Why did she open herself up to more questions about her health, her stamina, her ability to serve as the first female president?

She kept going because she’s a woman, a strong one at that. And a woman can’t afford to stay home and nurse a cold — or even recover from pneumonia — when she’s trying to break through a glass ceiling.

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night, many voters wouldn’t invite a stranded Trump or Clinton to sleep on the sofa. The last few days have raised even more questions about each candidate’s capacity to lead. During a televised forum broadcast from the decommissioned aircraft carrier *Intrepid* in New York, Trump went on a bizarre jag about Putin (the otherwise ruthless Russian dictator who invaded Crimea and supports Iran) being a better leader than President Barack Obama.

Clinton, meanwhile, opened herself anew to criticism by her secretive and misleading management of a medical issue. Diagnosed on Friday with pneumonia, a treatable ailment, the candidate kept the news to herself but then appeared frail at Sunday’s 9/11 memorial event in New York. Her staff said the candidate became “overheated” but soon-viral video showed her in a swoon or slump. Soon after, she reappeared and declared she was “feeling great.” Finally, after hiding the truth, her camp acknowledged the pneumonia. Let’s assume she’ll recover from that soon enough. But will Clinton ever get over her consuming fear of straight talk?

The good news is that the debates will provide the biggest stage and least scripted opportunity for voters to assess the candidates. Our view is that given the public’s discomfort with Clinton and Trump, the leading third-party candidate, Gary Johnson of the Libertarians, should be invited to participate.

Regardless of whether Johnson is included, this year’s debates will be historic because there is an unusually strong chance they will prove decisive. Trump and Clinton, edging closer in the polls, have a lot to prove to the American public. We won’t be looking for a reboot of Lincoln-Douglas. We’ll be listening for direct, specific answers from each about their respective visions of the presidency.

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its consequential outcome, and it must have been influenced by all things perceived by the person. The *MV Luta* is as real as the \$400,000 that connects to it. The taxpayers or electorates of the CNMI government could not have any conceptual appreciation to what took place before the cause became known and erupted as an issue of corruption. Any taxpayer could not be blamed for sequestering what is *MV Luta* and the \$400,000 belonging to the taxpayers under a sanctioned fiduciary control by its elected and appointed offices within the CNMI government. Hence, the rule of law makes it a real test when it is impartially and faithfully applied and justified, if what follows a just and complete thinking. When the rule of law is set aside, it is nothing that matters because the law was meaningless or absent as if it does not have effect. On the other hand, the person who is corrupted and acts out his corruptible deeds falls in the snare of immorality. The foundation of immoral acts gives credence to the thing right or wrong. When the rule of law fails to commit a person to pacing and performing what is lawful, the act itself is wrong, and when it is wrong it is immoral. Thus, when morality seals and cemented in a belief of a being greater than man, the wisdom in man could not take precedence. When such undertaking of rationalism that places the person in greater position than God, it is wrong. The person is nothing. The act is nothing, where *MV Luta* is concerned it is nothing. The *MV Luta* and Victor Hocog are nothing on moral and rule of law principles and social practices that established cleanness and order.

The familiar norm of submission of our personal existence came about in this contract of obligation to the being that shapes our persona in what we are as a person. Each of us prays and talks to God the following for good reasons and wisdom:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. —Matthew 6:9-13.

Each of us also seeks the advance before committing the immoral act by reaching out to living the moral ways. We dare to say:

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Santa Maria, Nanani Yuus, tayuyute ham ni man “ga” isao. Or, we say: Santa Maria, Nanani Yuus, tayuyute ham in man i’ isao. We personally fight immorality when these prayers or talk to your God has perpetual meaning and commitment. When the corruption gives more meaning, the person is nothing because the act and the action leave an empty vessel for the good of moral life.

The word “nothing” is nada in Spanish. The chamorro word for nothing is “taya,” and coincidentally it is “hokok.” The nothing in the *MV Luta* and Victor Hocog nexus is parallel to the principles of morality being illustrated here. The principal here being illustrated shifted his thoughts and answers by shielding himself in his own interior monologue. Everything here involves the backbone and background of who Mr. Victor Hocog is and always will be. He is his own ways of “thine” self and autonomous only to and thy himself. His construct of what the things around himself is his own making. And, putting all what his senses pursue and make up are all contingent views to the perception of things that matters. In reality the “autonomous perceptual construct” string in a person is that which is what the person represent as the castle of his own being and persona. We as taxpayers, do not owe apology or any little dispensation to what connected the \$400,000 and *MV Luta*. It was all concocted by a sound thinking representative of the CNMI people that prompted more dashing away what is moral and lawfully proper and succinct to the good of the CNMI under the guise of clean and order society.

When the turning off of the light became the cause, rule of law and moral standing became nothing. One sleeps away something in rule of law and moral principles. The joy in the dream solitude makes the real thing disappear only until the next waking day where cleanness and orderliness could have another chance of clean and order try and error. But it became a time where it is lived and never felt as the principal actually saying all was “hokok” y pues “hokok” y “hokok” y “hokok” y pues “hokok.”

It turns more so like this. Our hokok, who are in hokok, hokok

be thy name thy kingdom hokok thy will be hokok as it is hokok. Give us this hokok our daily hokok and hokok us our daily hokok as we hokok our hokok and hokok us not into hokok but deliver us from hokok; pues hokok. It sounds much more generic, but we surely in the absence of moral cleanliness and order that what more of nothing could not slip past the disregard of the demonic percussion in an immoral deed. If followers are guided by leaders leaching from moral considerations, we inviting by saying: Hail hokok, full of hokok, hokok is with thee....

If we could not appreciate lining our thoughts in some strict and useful enlightenment such as what we cultured by the church, our people will never dismiss out of hand the kind of immoral acts connecting *MV Luta* and Mr. Victor Hocog. We must not forget that this principal sits in an office that belongs to the CNMI people, and that is the people’s Governor Office. Nothing dismisses the rule of law and moral principles when they do not send harm now and the future to the electorates and the CNMI people.

Francisco R. Agulto

Kanat Tabla

POEMS**D.T. raps and rhymes after leaving Mexico —the same day after leaving Mexico in Phoenix, Arizona**

By JOSEPH CONNOLLY

TRUMP TOWER TAVERN NEW MENU

“on day one, we will begin working on an impenetrable, physical, tall, powerful, beautiful, southern, border wall”. well don’t that beat all? the unmitigated gall asked if he discussed the price and who’d pay D.T. said not all. Mexican President Nieto said they would absolutely not pay for a wall at all so it continues on for only two months more it is getting old we have heard it all before he’s selling tee shirts advertising the builder leaders around the world look on bewildered it will never happen as every sane person knows Atlantic to Pacific whichever way politics blows great part about the wall? it begins Trumpy’s fall

A Trump sandwich - P B & J

By JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Peanut Butter and Jelly one might at first think how about Prejudice, Bigotry, and Paranoid Jelly PREJUDICE like peanut butter smooth and chunky D.T. thinks Mexican immigrants negative funky BIGOTRY like PB can be fattening and go rancid D.T.’s grows bigger and he just can’t keep it hid about that PARANOID Jelly he completely flips out at the slightest negative that comes down on him than Tweets like crazy about it on his android he seems very reticent to release his tax return PARANOID about what potential voters might learn about the sandwich bread of what is that made it has to be White we don’t need to Wonder why because D.T. is a P B & J sandwich kind of guy

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼79°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Isolated showers.

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SATURDAY

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

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SUNDAY

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

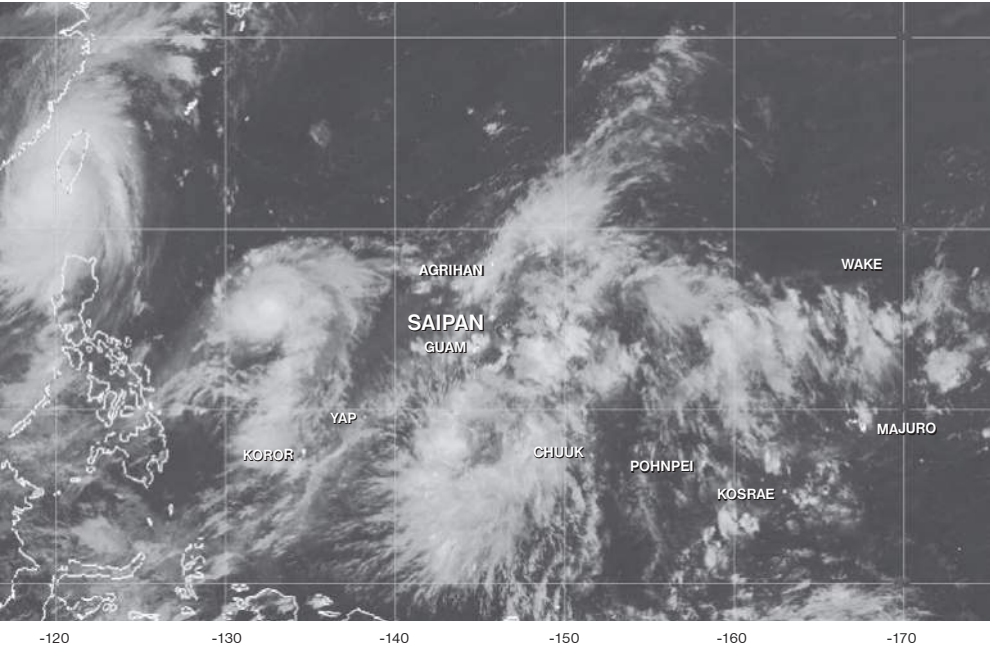
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MONDAY

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:05 AM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies, moderate winds and isolated showers prevail over the Marianas this morning. A tropical disturbance is evident on satellite and ASCAT analysis to the east of the islands. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this system are approaching the area. The only major change to the previous forecasts was to delay the onset of scattered showers until this afternoon. The disturbance that is responsible for these showers has slowed significantly over night, but is expected to move westward through the morning. Cloud cover and convection should then begin to increase near noon with models and forecasts remaining on track for this activity to continue through Thursday evening. Dry conditions are then expected over the area as the disturbance moves further west of the Marianas.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Mostly cloudy	82 / 89 °F
Palau	Afternoon clouds	82 / 88 °F
Yap	Partly cloudy	80 / 90 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	79 / 89 °F
Pohnpei	Morning clouds	76 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	82 / 89 °F
Majuro	Afternoon clouds	82 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	54 / 61 °F
Beijing	Sunny	62 / 90 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	81 / 89 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 83 °F
London	Mostly sunny	64 / 86 °F
Los Angeles	Partly sunny	59 / 76 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	80 / 88 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	47 / 56 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	81 / 88 °F
New York	Sunny	64 / 74 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	67 / 85 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	63 / 73 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	68 / 77 °F
Rome	Mostly cloudy	65 / 81 °F
Salem	Sunny	46 / 81 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	54 / 67 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	62 / 84 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	72 / 81 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	66 / 78 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
12:20 AM	LOW TIDE	0.84 Feet
5:45 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.87 Feet
12:36 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.06 Feet
7:05 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.95 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	5:07 PM	4:15 AM
Friday	5:56 PM	5:13 AM
Saturday	6:44 PM	6:12 AM
Sunday	7:33 PM	7:11 AM
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
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OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
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Business

Samsung's quick fix for Galaxy Note 7 is no full recharge

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Samsung plans to issue a software update for its recalled Galaxy Note 7 smartphones that will prevent them from overheating by limiting battery recharges to 60 percent.

The front page of the Seoul Shinmun, a South Korean newspaper, carried a Samsung advertisement on Tuesday announcing the software update for any users of the Note 7 who may be disregarding its recall notice and continuing to use the smartphone.

“It is a measure to put consumer safety first but we apologize for causing inconvenience,” the advertisement by Samsung Electronics said. The update for South Korean users will start Sept. 20, it said.

South Korean media earlier reported the software update plan, citing Samsung.

It was not clear when the update may be issued overseas. Also unclear was whether it

will be forced on existing Note 7 phones regardless of user consent. Yonhap News Agency reported that Samsung is in talks with mobile carriers to deliver the same update to keep battery power at 60 percent or below at all times.

Samsung plans to begin issuing new Note 7s with batteries it says will not be prone to overheating starting Sept. 19 in South Korea. It recalled 2.5 million of the devices just two weeks after their launch after dozens of cases in which batteries exploded or caught fire. Samsung says the problem stems from a manufacturing glitch in the batteries.

Samsung is the world's largest smartphone maker, and analysts said the recall may leave a larger impact on its brand than earlier estimated. Aviation regulators and airlines have deemed the Note 7 a flight hazard and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety



A customer holds a Samsung Electronics Galaxy Note 7 smartphone at the headquarters of South Korean mobile carrier KT in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Sept. 2, 2016.

Samsung offered free pizza to apologize to workers at mobile carrier shops who have been handling the unprecedented recall. Some will work during the holidays this week as Samsung plans to keep its service centers open.

Lee In-tae, an employee at a SK Telecom shop in central Seoul, said two pizzas were delivered to the shop during lunchtime on Tuesday with a letter from Samsung that included an apology for causing inconvenience with the recall. South Korean media said Samsung gave free pizzas to all employees at local handset shops and mobile carriers.

US budget deficit totals \$107.1 billion in August

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal government recorded a deficit of \$107.1 billion in August, slightly lower than the July deficit. But the imbalance through 11 months of this budget year is up sharply from a year ago, reflecting higher spending and lower-than-expected tax revenues.

The Treasury Department said Tuesday that the deficit, with just one month to go in the budget year, totals \$620.8 billion, up 17.1 percent from the same period a year ago. The August deficit was slightly lower than the \$112.8 billion imbalance in July.

The Congressional Budget Office last month revised its estimate for the 2016 deficit up sharply to show an imbalance of \$590 billion. That was up from a March projection of \$534 billion. The budget year ends on Sept. 30 and September is expected to show a surplus.

The CBO estimate for the 2016 deficit is close to the \$599.9 billion deficit that the Obama administration estimated when it released its mid-session budget review

Commission is considering an official product recall.

The company has urged consumers to immediately turn off the phones and get them replaced with the new Note 7.

But implementing such a

large-scale recall is a challenge. Consumers have to visit Samsung service centers or retailers twice—once to get a replacement phone—not a Galaxy Note 7—and have a safety check of their existing

Note 7, and a second time to get a new Note 7. South Koreans are traveling for one of the two biggest national holidays of the year starting Wednesday, which complicates the recall plan.

Americans got raise last year for first time since 2007

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a long-awaited sign that middle-class Americans are finally seeing real economic gains, U.S. households got a raise last year after seven years of stagnant incomes. Rising pay also lifted the poorest households, cutting poverty by the sharpest amount in nearly a half-century.

Higher minimum wages in many states and tougher competition among businesses to fill jobs pushed up pay, while low inflation made those paychecks stretch further. The figures show that the growing economy is finally benefiting a greater share of American

households.

The median U.S. household's income rose 5.2 percent in 2015 to an inflation-adjusted level of \$56,516, the Census Bureau said Tuesday. That is the largest one-year gain on data stretching back to 1967. It is up 7.3 percent from 2012, when incomes fell to a 17-year low.

Still, median incomes remain 1.6 below the \$57,423 reached in 2007. The median is the point where half of households fall below and half are above.

The report “was superb in almost every dimension,” Larry Mishel, president of the

liberal Economic Policy Institute, said on a conference call with reporters. “This one year almost single-handedly got us out of the hole.”

Even so, it follows years of tepid pay gains that contributed to widespread political turmoil, driving insurgent presidential candidacies from GOP nominee Donald Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders. Median household income remains 2.4 percent below the peak it reached in 1999.

The solid gain will likely impact the presidential campaign. Incomes are now higher than in 2009 when President

Obama took office.

The Census report shows that the increase was driven by the poorest Americans, who saw the largest increase. Half of the states and Washington, D.C. have increased their minimum wages since 2014, according to the EPI.

Greater competition for low-wage jobs has also pushed up wages. The unemployment rate fell from 6.2 percent to 5.3 percent last year, and 2.4 million Americans found full-time, year-round jobs. That's forced restaurants and retail employers to lift pay to attract workers.

House conservatives offer resolution to impeach IRS chief

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Republican congressmen formally offered a campaign-season resolution Tuesday to impeach IRS chief John Koskinen, setting the House on course for showdown votes over an effort that rouses conservatives but has no chance of ousting the commissioner from office.

The proposal by conservative Reps. John Fleming, R-La., and Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., is expected to face votes Thursday in which its fate is unclear. With solid opposition from Democrats and resistance from many Republicans who

consider it excessive and politically damaging, the measure might end up being killed and replaced by a censure motion that would scold Koskinen but leave him in his job.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted along party lines in June to censure Koskinen.

“Censure does nothing,” Fleming, who is running for the Senate, told reporters Tuesday. “Impeachment makes a much stronger statement than censure. It says in the opinion of the House, John Koskinen should lose his job.”

Because the issue has so divided Republicans, GOP lawmakers will meet privately Thursday to discuss how to handle it.

Even if the House musters a majority to impeach Koskinen—the equivalent of indicting him—Republicans would have no chance of winning the two-thirds majority required to convict him in the Senate. The GOP has just 54 of that chamber's 100 seats.

President Barack Obama, speaking Tuesday night at a fundraiser for House Democrats in New York City, called the

push for impeachment “crazy.”

He cited the effort as an example of overzealous partisanship and part of why Americans are turned off politics. “No wonder people end up being discouraged and dispirited,” Obama said.

In a formality, Fleming read the four-page resolution on the House floor, accusing Koskinen of committing “high crimes and misdemeanors,” the constitutional standard for impeachment. The move is certain to draw attention to Fleming, among 24 candidates running for the Senate in his state.

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Nation

Clinton has history of ignoring health—and paying a price

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—The White House was submerged in scandal. Democrats faced tough mid-term elections. And Hillary Clinton, far more popular than her embattled husband, had become a one-woman campaign machine.

But the nonstop travel in 1998 took a toll. Clinton developed a blood clot behind her right knee, prompting the White House doctor to recommend hospitalization and a week of bedrest.

Determined to stay on the campaign trail, Clinton settled on an alternative: A nurse would travel with her to administer the medicine needed to monitor her health. She kept her condition a secret from nearly everyone but her Secret Service detail, alerted only because an injury could have been life-threatening.

"Very few people knew about it at the time," recalled Dr. Connie Mariano in her autobiography. "Her staff



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton walks towards her campaign plane after speaking to members of the media at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y., Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016.

thought she had pulled a muscle exercising."

Nearly two decades later, Clinton's desire to work through illness—and penchant

for keeping her health secret—has helped cause the most damaging 48-hour period in her presidential campaign and given fresh ammunition

to GOP rival Donald Trump. The incident has also stoked long-simmering conservative conspiracy theories about her health and questions about her

commitment to openness.

Video of her staggering and stumbling at a 9/11 ceremony on Sunday and her controversial comments about Trump's supporters at a Friday fundraiser both occurred while she suffered from lingering pneumonia.

At least part of the blame goes to a simple cause: Clinton's stubborn unwillingness to follow the advice of doctors, family and friends.

"This is just who she is. She is a workhorse. No matter who tells her, her husband can tell her. It doesn't matter. Chelsea can tell her," said Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat who served as chairman of her 2008 presidential campaign. "You're not going to change her at this point in her life."

After her Friday pneumonia diagnosis, Clinton was determined to "power through," she told CNN late Monday.

The public and most in her campaign were kept in the dark. Her running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, and her campaign manager, Robby Mook, declined to say when they first learned about her condition.

The decision to keep going was one that Clinton, who suffers seasonal allergies that can become a vicious cough, came to regret. The Democrat is now taking a few days off

the campaign trail, forced to the sidelines at a critical point in the fall election.

Campaign spokesman Nick Merrill said the Democratic nominee spent Tuesday reading briefing material, calling aides and watching President Barack Obama campaign on her behalf in Philadelphia. She will resume campaign travel on Thursday, he said.

Facing criticism about her lack of disclosure, she's agreed to release more health information soon.

"I probably would have been better off if I'd just pulled down my schedule on Friday," Clinton said on CNN, adding: "I just didn't think it was going to be that big a deal."

Her supporters now are trying to turn the episode into a badge of honor—and a credential for the White House.

"This is a woman who works 20 hours a day and comes into contact with tens of thousands of people and you pick up germs and viruses and things like that and you get exhausted," said Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy of Connecticut. "If you don't get a cold or a virus or the flu or pneumonia in a campaign, you weren't working hard enough."

But the incident follows a long pattern, with Clinton paying a price, both physically and politically.

Trump child care plan breaks with conservative orthodoxy

ASTON, Pa. (AP)—Donald Trump rolled out a plan Tuesday aimed at making child care more affordable, guaranteeing new mothers six weeks of paid maternity leave and suggesting new incentives for employees to provide their workers childcare. Spurred on by his daughter, Ivanka, Trump waded into topics more often discussed by Democrats.

Trump unveiled the proposals in a speech in a politically critical Philadelphia suburb as he tries to build his appeal with more moderate, independent voters—especially women. Child care is one of the biggest expenses many American families face, surpassing the cost of college and even hous-

ing in many states.

"We need working mothers to be fairly compensated for their work, and to have access to affordable, quality child care for their kids," Trump said in Aston, Pennsylvania. "These solutions must update laws passed more than half a century ago when most women were still not in the labor force."

Trump proposed guaranteeing six weeks of paid maternity leave to employees whose employers don't offer leave already. The campaign says the payments would be provided through existing unemployment insurance - though it has yet to spell out how the system would cover those costs.

Trump's Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, has called for 12 weeks parental leave for both mothers and fathers paid for by taxes on the wealthy.

Trump previously proposed reducing child care costs by allowing parents to fully deduct the average cost of child care from their taxes. On Tuesday, he expanded that proposal to allow families with a stay-at-home parent to qualify for the deduction and to include costs associated with caring for elderly dependent relatives.

The deduction would apply only to individuals earning \$250,000 or less, or \$500,000 or less if filing jointly. But because Trump's proposal is a

tax deduction rather than credit, its greatest benefits would go to affluent households. More than 40 percent of U.S. taxpayers don't make enough money to owe taxes to the federal government, meaning they would not benefit from a deduction. Lower-income earners would receive child-care spending rebates through expanding the existing Earned Income Tax Credit, the campaign said.

Trump also proposed incentives for employers to provide child-care options at work. But some of his proposals to prod businesses and communities into providing childcare and other services are anathema to conservative orthodoxy.

Openings set in major Chicago gang trial focused on killings

CHICAGO (AP)—The biggest street-gang trial in recent Chicago history starts in earnest with opening statements Wednesday, with months of testimony expected to provide a rare inside look at the kind of gangland activity that's helped fuel deadly gun violence in the nation's third largest city.

On trial for federal racketeering charges are six purported leaders of the Hobos street gang who prosecutors say murdered, maimed and tortured their way into controlling the most lucrative drug markets on the city's South Side.

Among the defendants is

alleged Hobos hit man Paris Poe, who prosecutors say killed a government witness in 2013, shooting the man 25 times at close range while his horrified step-kids, aged 4 and 6 at the time, screamed in the back seat of a car. The 4-year-old later told investigators the "Boogie Man" had attacked them, according to court filings.

Prosecutors will seek to prove that the defendants' criminal conspiracy involved at least nine murders, including the execution-style killing of semi-pro basketball player, Eddie Moss Jr., in a case of mistaken identity and

the fatal drive-by shooting of two rival gang members outside a funeral home.

Security is heavy at federal court in downtown Chicago, with a walk-through metal detector and bomb-sniffing dog at the courtroom entrance. The judge ordered jurors' names be kept secret to ensure they aren't subject to intimidation. U.S. marshals have already said they're investigating reported threats against several likely witnesses.

The 36-year-old Poe, alleged Hobos boss Gregory "Bowlegs" Chester and four other co-defendants have all pleaded not guilty. If convict-

ed, they each face maximum life prison sentences.

Prosecutors say the Hobos formed from several fractured gangs with home bases in Chicago public housing complexes that have since been demolished.

Government filings cite one co-defendant, William Ford, as explaining in a secretly recorded conversation how the gang got its name from an early emphasis by its founders in 2003 on jewelry and other heists. "After they kept robbing ... they like, 'Man, we Hobo,'" Ford said, according to court filings. "And Hobos, all they do is, is sleep and rob."

ACROSS THE NATION

Arizona driver hits officers, faces attempted murder charges

PHOENIX (AP)—A driver plowed into two police officers outside a Phoenix gas station on Tuesday and proceeded to scuffle with a third policeman who managed to get out of the way in what the police chief denounced as a "violent, intentional act." Police said Marc LaQuon Payne, 44, apparently drove his vehicle at the officers before hitting a patrol car and crashing into the front of the QuikTrip store around 2 a.m. Tuesday. "We are confident that this is an intentional act," Phoenix Police Chief Joseph Yahner said at an afternoon news conference. "Our officers were targeted." Payne was taken to a hospital in serious condition and is expected to be booked into jail after he's released, according to police who believe he was driving impaired. They said Payne will likely face three counts of attempted first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney yet.

Police: Death of black teen run down in Oregon hate crime

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—An Oregon man and his girlfriend accused of intentionally running down a black teen after an altercation in a convenience store parking lot face new hate crime charges alleging they targeted the victim because of his race. Russell Orlando Courtier, 38, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of first- and second-degree intimidation in the death of Larnell Malik Bruce, court documents say. Colleen Hunt, 35, who was in the passenger seat, pleaded not guilty to a charge of first-degree intimidation. Under Oregon law, a charge of intimidation means the defendants are accused of acting based on their perception of the victim's race, color, religion or disability. The two had previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder in the death of 19-year-old Bruce, of Vancouver, Washington.

Asia

PH leader rejects joint patrols, eyes China weapons

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Tuesday he won't allow government forces to conduct joint patrols of disputed waters near the South China Sea with foreign powers, apparently scrapping a deal his predecessor reached with the U.S. military earlier this year.

Duterte also said he was considering acquiring defense equipment from Russia and China. The Philippines has traditionally leaned on the U.S., its longtime treaty ally, and other Western allies for its security needs.

The remarks were the latest from a Philippine president who has had an uneasy relationship with the U.S. but also has tried to mend relations with China strained over South China Sea disputes.

Duterte said he wanted only Philippine territorial waters, up to 12 nautical miles offshore, to be patrolled by Filipino forces, but not other offshore areas that are contested. He added he opposes Filipino forces accompanying foreign powers like the U.S. and China in joint patrols which could entangle the Philippines in hostilities.

"We do not go into a patrol or join any other army from now because I do not want trouble," Duterte said.

"I do not want to ride gung-ho style there with China or with America. I just want to patrol our territorial waters."

Like other security pronouncements, Duterte did not provide details, but his rejection for joint patrols apparently goes against such an arrangement announced in April by the U.S. and the Philippine defense chiefs.

While visiting Manila, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter disclosed for the first time in a news conference with then Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin that U.S. ships had carried out sea patrols with the Philippines in the South China Sea, a somewhat rare move.

Carter insisted that the U.S. did not intend to be provocative and was "trying to tamp down tensions here." But Gazmin said he expected that U.S. forces, "with their presence here, will deter uncalculated-for actions by the Chinese."

On Monday, Duterte said he wanted U.S. military forces out of the southern Philippines and blamed America for inflaming local Muslim insurgencies, in his first public statement opposing the presence of American troops in a part of the country.

Washington later said it had not received a formal request to remove U.S. military personnel. White House



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte wears a pilot's jacket which was presented to him during his "Talk with the Airmen" on the anniversary of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 at the Philippine Air Force headquarters in suburban Pasay city, southeast of Manila, Philippines.

spokesman Josh Earnest said Duterte had a tendency to make "colorful comments" and drew a comparison with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

In an apparent aim to prevent potential damage in relations, Philippine officials said Duterte wanted the Americans out of the south for fear of their safety.

"He desires that our American counterparts should be eased from harm's way," the Philippine military said, adding about 100 U.S. military personnel were in the south to provide counterterrorism advice support to Filipino forces.

"We assure our people and allies that Philippine-U.S. defense relations remains rock solid," the military said in a statement. It added that joint combat training and other activities by U.S. and Filipino forces this year and beyond "remain on track."

Pew poll: How the Japanese and Chinese see each other

TOKYO (AP)—Arrogant, violent and to varying degrees, nationalistic. That's how the Japanese and Chinese publics see each other's country, according to a new poll that reflects the geopolitical tensions between the neighboring East Asia powers.

The annual Pew Research Center survey, released Tuesday in Washington, D.C., found that while views of each other have improved slightly in recent years, they remain overwhelmingly negative and worse than a decade ago. A huge surge in Chinese tourists visiting Japan apparently hasn't changed public opinion much.

Some highlights:

NEGATIVITY

Negative feelings spiked in 2013, after a long-running territorial dispute over some remote, uninhabited islands flared in 2012. They have

climbed down since then but remain high.

Japanese with a very unfavorable view of China:

2006: 22 percent

2013: 48 percent

2016: 42 percent

Chinese with a very unfavorable view of Japan:

2006: 29 percent

2013: 74 percent

2016: 53 percent

WAR FEARS

Japanese are more worried than Chinese that China's territorial disputes with Japan and other neighboring countries could lead to military conflict. The two nations' coast guard ships regularly assert sovereignty near the Japan-controlled Senkaku islands, which China also claims and calls Diaoyu.

Japanese very concerned about a conflict: 35 percent

Japanese somewhat concerned: 45 percent

Chinese very concerned: 18 percent

Chinese somewhat concerned: 41 percent

ARROGANCE

How Japanese see Chinese:

Arrogant: 81 percent

Nationalistic: 76 percent

Violent: 71 percent

How Chinese see Japanese:

Arrogant: 70 percent

Nationalistic: 41 percent

Violent: 74 percent

APOLOGIES

Japan has repeatedly expressed remorse for its invasion of China in the 1930s and 1940s, but China has questioned the sincerity of the official statements and accused some in Japan of trying to whitewash history.

Japanese who believe Japan has apologized enough:

2006: 40 percent

2016: 53 percent

Chinese who believe Japan hasn't apologized enough:

2006: 81 percent

2016: 77 percent

NEIGHBORS

Favorable view of South Korea:

Japan: 27 percent

China: 55 percent

Favorable view of India:

Japan: 54 percent

China: 26 percent

METHODOLOGY

The survey of 1,000 Japanese was conducted between April 26 and May 29 using landline telephones and cellphones. The Japan results have a margin of error of 4.1 percentage points. The survey in China was conducted face-to-face with 3,154 people between April 6 and May 8. It has a margin of error of 3.7 percentage points.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China legislature expels 45 deputies over fraud

BEIJING (AP)—China's national legislature expelled 45 deputies representing the northeastern province of Liaoning over allegations of electoral fraud on Tuesday, in the latest effort to root out corruption and the buying of offices within the country's authoritarian one-party system. No details were given of the action taken at an extraordinary session of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, which normally meets bimonthly. The move followed an announcement last week that the former vice head of the Liaoning provincial legislature was under investigation on suspicion of taking bribes and committing other illegal acts related to elections. The state prosecutor announced Thursday that it had taken legal action against the official, Zheng Yuzhuo, who will likely face formal charges and a trial. The province's former Communist Party chief, Wang Min, was also taken into custody in August and expelled from the party on suspicion of having taken bribes.

Nearly 400 arrested for looting, vandalism in India's IT hub

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police say they have arrested nearly 400 people for looting and vandalism in India's information technology hub of Bangalore after a curfew was imposed to quell violence set off by a court ruling over a disputed water source. Police gunfire killed one protester and injured another on Monday night after rampaging mobs set fire to dozens of buses, trucks and cars and attacked shops and businesses in Bangalore and other parts of the state. India's top court last week ordered Karnataka state to release water downriver to the state of Tamil Nadu. The river has been disputed for decades, and Karnataka officials say there's not enough water to share. Top police officer N.S. Megarikh said Tuesday there has been no major incident since Monday night in Bangalore.

2 protesters die in Kashmir as curfew quiets Eid festivities

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Two anti-India protesters were killed and scores were injured in clashes with security forces in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir on Tuesday, police said, as a security lockdown marred Eid festivities in the disputed region.

Security forces fired tear gas and shotgun pellets to quell protesters in several places, including Srinagar, the main city, police said. Protests took place in dozens of areas in the region, which has been wracked by massive demonstrations since July.

A curfew was in effect in the entire Kashmir Valley, and most people stayed indoors for the Islamic festival of Eid al-Adha, which fell on Tuesday. Usually bustling on such occasions, Srinagar's marketplaces were deserted.

Authorities did not allow congregational Eid prayers in the main mosques and Eid grounds in the predominantly Muslim region, but prayers were held by people in small neighborhood mosques.

A protester was killed by a tear gas shell in the northern area of Bandipora, a police officer

said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to reporters. Another protester was killed by shotgun pellets in Shopian in the south, he said. At least 60 people were injured in clashes in 10 different places in the region.

The curfew seemed to have foiled a planned march called by separatist leaders to the Srinagar office of U.N. military observers, which monitors a cease-fire between India and Pakistan. The rivals have fought two of their three wars over control of Kashmir, which is divided between

them and claimed by both.

Most Kashmiris want an end to Indian rule and favor independence or a merger with Pakistan.

The largest street protests the region has seen in years followed the killing of a popular rebel leader by Indian security forces.

At least 79 civilians have been killed and thousands wounded in protest-related violence, mostly by government forces firing bullets and pellets. Two policemen have also been killed and hundreds of others injured in the clashes.

World

After a decade, UN chief disappointed in many world leaders

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says he's disappointed by many world leaders who care more about retaining power than improving the lives of their people—and can't understand why Syria is being held hostage to "the destiny" of one man, President Bashar Assad.

Nearing the end of his 10 years at the helm of the United Nations, Ban spoke frankly about the state of the world and his successes, failures and frustrations as U.N. chief in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press.

Ban is the public face of the organization but he said that in private leaders see a very different and much tougher side to him.

"People say I have been quiet, and I have not been speaking out about human rights, but I can tell you I have been speaking out (more) than any of the Western leaders" who "are very cautious," he said. "You have not seen people as fearlessly speaking out as myself."

Ban also spoke candidly about his frustration at the way

the U.N. operates.

It's unrealistic to expect any secretary-general "to be some almost almighty person," he said, because the world body's member states make decisions and the U.N. chief implements them—rather than implementing their own initiatives and policies, he said.

The U.N. could be far more efficient and effective if there were "some reasonable decision-making process"—not one that requires consensus on many issues before the General Assembly and statements by the Security Council, Ban said. This gives one country the power to block something all other nations agree on, or to water it down.

"Is it fair? Is it reasonable in the 21st century when you have 193 member states?" Ban said.

As an example, human rights groups have criticized the declaration set to be adopted at the U.N. summit on refugees and migrants on Monday, ahead of the General Assembly's annual gathering of world leaders, because it was watered down to reach consensus. The result was the



In this Sept. 9, 2016 photo, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon listens during an interview at U.N. headquarters.

elimination of Ban's proposal to resettle 10 percent of the world's refugees annually.

Ban said member states have the power to change the consensus requirement eas-

ily and quickly.

In a recent interview over lunch, the secretary-general said his generation in South Korea was educated in the ancient Chinese teachings of Confucius, which emphasize harmony, humaneness, compassion, propriety and honesty. "And I have been putting public interest first, over private interest," he said.

Comparing his approach to Western leaders, Ban said they usually speak through statements, which is easy, and sometimes they face-to-face meetings with world leaders are critical to try to get support on ending conflicts or on issues like climate change and combating poverty.

"I've been saying, I can issue a hundred statements from here, but if you really want to get that apple dropped, you have to go and shake the apple tree," he said.

If you wait under the tree

"until the apple drops into your mouth, it may happen if you wait 20 years," he said.

Sometimes, he said, when leaders urged him not to visit a hotspot and something later happened there, "it was they who really wanted to go there first, to get the credit." Ban said he could name names which "would be quite explosive"—but he won't.

When he advises foreign leaders, Ban said, he always tells them "this is private."

"I always told them ... if I don't think you will want to be seen as (having) your arm twisted by the secretary-general of the United Nations, make it your policy and change—and then I will support, I will welcome" it.

The turmoil the world is suffering today isn't from the people, but is "caused by the leaders," he said.

For many leaders, the key is to be elected "by whatever means," Ban said. "Once elected ... they rule over people, and they are mostly corrupted, and they do not respect the voices of the people."

As Syria truce holds, al-Qaida affiliate denounces it

BEIRUT (AP)—With much of Syria calm for the past 24 hours, a powerful al-Qaida-linked group sharply criticized the U.S.-Russian-brokered cease-fire, saying Tuesday its real aim was to keep President Bashar Assad in power.

The extremist group was in talks with other rebel factions for a possible merger, a move that could dash Washington and Moscow's hopes of distancing it from the wider insurgency and sabotage the truce.

The denunciation of the deal came as activists and state media said the truce, which took effect at sunset Monday, was

holding despite some violations. The Syrian army said it would abide by the cease-fire until midnight Sunday, while maintaining its right to defend itself against any violations.

The truce excludes al-Qaida's affiliate, known as Jabhat Fatah al-Sham, and the more powerful Islamic State group, which are both designated terrorist organizations by the United Nations. The first week will be crucial: During that time, all fighting between Assad's forces and the rebels is to stop, although Assad's forces can continue airstrikes against IS and al-Qaida-linked militants.

If the calm holds for seven days, the U.S. and Russian militaries would then set up a new center to coordinate strikes against IS and the al-Qaida affiliate, previously known as the Nusra Front.

The Jabhat Fatah al-Sham statement came a day after Syria's largest insurgent groups expressed misgivings over the deal for excluding the al-Qaida-linked militants, who have been fighting alongside the rebels against Assad's forces. A truce in February that lasted several weeks also excluded IS and al-Qaida-linked groups.

In its statement, the al-

Qaida affiliate accused the U.S.-Russian-brokered deal of "conniving" to divide the insurgents and "target them one by one, while distancing Assad's regime from the battle and preserving" his hold on power.

"The aim of the Russian-American agreement is to defeat Syrian jihad, break its arm and cut its teeth," the group said.

Mostafa Mohamed, the group's director of media relations wrote on his Twitter account: "Let it be known. We don't take orders from hypocritical tyrants. We will continue in this cause, standing in solidarity with our brothers."

Western nations urge Libya general to give up oil terminals

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—The United States and five Western nations have called upon forces loyal to a Libyan general to withdraw from three eastern oil terminals seized earlier this week, drawing a rebuke Tuesday from the internationally recognized parliament.

The U.S., France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Britain said the U.N.-brokered government based in the capital, Tripoli, is the "sole steward of these resources," adding that "Libya's oil belongs to the Libyan people."

"We also call on all forces to avoid any action that could damage Libya's energy infrastructure or further disrupt its exports," said the joint statement, issued late Monday. It also warned against "illicit oil exports."

Forces led by Gen. Khalifa Hifter seized control of Ras Lanuf, al-Sidra and Zueitina on Sunday. Hifter is allied with Libya's parliament, which is based in the country's far east and has not approved the U.N.-backed government, in part because of differences over his future role in the country.

U.N. envoy Martin Kobler called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and talks with Hifter—who he said has refused to meet him—to discuss the security vacuum in Libya and the need for a united army in a united country.

"I said always that Gen. Hifter must have a role in this joint united army structure, and I would like to sit together with him and discuss it," Kobler told reporters after briefing the U.N. Security Council in New York.

The oil-rich North African country slid into chaos after

the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed Moammar Gadhafi, and has recently been split by rival authorities based in the east and in Tripoli, in the west.

Parliament Speaker Agila Saleh said Hifter's move was by "popular demand" and was authorized by Libya's official institutions. He said Hifter's forces "liberated the fields and the terminals from the occupiers and those hindering exports," referring to militia commander Ibrahim Jedran, who commands a force known as Petroleum Facilities Guards.

Shimon Peres in hospital after stroke

JERUSALEM (AP)—Former Israeli President Shimon Peres suffered a "major stroke" on Tuesday and experienced heavy bleeding in the brain, hospital officials said, as doctors raced to stabilize the 93-year-old Nobel laureate.

Dr. Itzik Kreiss, director of the Sheba Medical Center, told reporters outside the hospital near Tel Aviv that Peres experienced "lots of bleeding" as a result of the stroke. He said he had undergone a battery of tests, and that doctors planned to hold another assessment in a few hours.

Standing alongside Kreiss, Peres' son Chemi said the situation was "not simple," but that the family was trying to stay positive.

"My father is very special. I am keeping optimistic. Hoping for the best. But these hours are not easy," he said.

He thanked the Israeli public for offering its support and prayers.

Peres' office issued a statement early Wednesday describing his condition as "serious but stable." It said he remained hospitalized in the intensive care unit.

Earlier, Israeli media reported the bleeding had stopped. Dr. Shlomi Matezsky, one of the doctors treating Peres, told Channel 2 TV that Peres had

regained consciousness and was on a respirator.

"He is on a respirator and lightly sedated but is conducting actions, what is called in medical terms 'simple actions' and is not currently unconscious," he said.

He said doctors were meeting to decide how to proceed. "The way things seem now, we don't think surgery in the next few hours would benefit Mr. Peres' condition," he said.

Peres is the elder statesman of Israeli politics and the last surviving link to the country's founding fathers.

Over a seven-decade career, he held virtually every senior political office in Israel, including three terms as prime minister and stints as foreign and finance minister. He won the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for his work in reaching an interim peace agreement with the Palestinians.

He had remained active since completing his seven-year term as president in 2014, and even uploaded a video to his Facebook account earlier in the day.

In the video, in which Peres encourages the public to buy locally made products, he appears weary but is otherwise alert and coherent. Channel 10 TV said Peres had also delivered an hour-long lecture earlier in the day.

Environment

Yosemite announces biggest expansion in 70 years, adding new meadows and forestland

By LOUIS SAHAGUN
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LOS ANGELES — In its biggest expansion in decades, Yosemite National Park on Wednesday broadened its western boundary by adding 400 acres of lush meadows edged with cedars and ponderosa pines that provide habitat for some of California's most threatened wildlife.

The nonprofit Trust for Public Land purchased Ackerson Meadow from private owners for \$2.3 million this year and donated it Wednesday to the National Park Service, marking Yosemite National Park's largest addition of untrammeled wilderness in seven decades. Yosemite now stands at roughly 750,000 acres.

The meadows, home to the federally endangered southwestern willow flycatcher and a geographically isolated and genetically distinct clan of roughly 200 great gray owls, were spared by the Rim fire that scorched a huge swath of the surrounding Sierra Nevada forests in 2013.

"The generous donation of Ackerson Meadow will preserve critical meadow habitat that is home to a number of state and federally listed protected species," Yosemite National Park Superintendent Don Neubacher said.

"This meadow is a remarkable gift to the American people, coming at a historic time



AP
A view of Cathedral Rocks in Yosemite in April 2011. In its biggest expansion in decades, the park broadened its western boundary by adding 400 acres on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016.

"few hundred thousand dollars" passing up a lucrative offer from a developer to build a resort.

The donated land is composed of three connected meadows, nourished by a perennial creek and inhabited by bear, deer, coyotes and other animals. The great gray owls that live there are the world's largest by length. The acreage is also home to more than 100 species of plants, park officials said.

Funds to buy the property came from several contributors, including \$1.53 million from the Trust for Public Land and \$520,000 from the nonprofit Yosemite Conservancy, with additional support from National Park Trust and American Rivers.

"The original Yosemite boundary plans of 1890 included Ackerson Meadow, so it is exciting to finally have this important place protected," said Yosemite Conservancy President Frank Dean. "The purchase supports the long-term health of the meadow and its wild inhabitants, and creates opportunities for visitors to experience a beautiful Sierra meadow."

as we celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service."

Will Rogers, president of the Trust for Public Land, said, "Donating the largest addition since 1949 to one of the world's most famous parks is a great way to celebrate the 100th birthday of our National Park Service — and honor John Muir's original vision for the park."

The donation had been a conservation priority for three

decades, said David Sutton, the trust's California land conservation director.

"The Rim fire burned around this property and nearly jeopardized the project," Sutton said.

The announcement comes several weeks after President Barack Obama visited Yosemite, where he touted the natural beauty while also warning about the need to protect the park from the ravages of glob-

al warming.

Complicating negotiations to acquire Ackerson Meadow, "the former land owners thought it was worth more than the appraisers we hired," Sutton said. "But we were patient. No one can drive past this property without stopping and saying, 'Wow. Isn't that gorgeous?'"

Robin and Nancy Wainwright, who owned the Yosemite land since 2006, sold it

to the trust.

The Wainwrights "are an amazing couple," Sutton said. "After the Rim fire, we asked for a one-year extension in negotiations, and they agreed. They were also approached by other parties interested in acquiring the land.

"Ultimately, however, they wanted to see it become part of Yosemite."

Robin Wainwright told The Associated Press they lost a

Grizzly bears in California: Reintroduction push ignites strong emotions

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WALNUT CREEK, Calif.

— The mighty grizzly bear ruled California's valleys, forests and coasts with fierce claws and jaws until people shot the last ones nearly a century ago. Now an environmental group is asking the state to consider bringing it back.

In a proposal fanning strong emotions about humans' uneasy relationship with big predators they are trying to save, the Center for Biological Diversity is trying to drum up support for the state to study reintroducing grizzly bears to remote areas such as the Sierra.

Not surprisingly, some critics — including the state's wildlife agency — suggest it would be impractical and unsafe to reintroduce the 800-pound grizzly, also known as the brown bear, to the most populated state in the nation.

"Reintroducing grizzly bears to California would be

idiotic," said Pete Margiotta, a Walnut Creek resident and longtime hunter. "Somebody is going to get killed."

But the center, a frequent plaintiff in legal disputes over endangered species, says the grizzly bear's recovery from near extinction in the Lower 48 states would be more secure if the species expanded its range beyond select areas in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington.

California still has many remote and sparsely populated areas that might be suitable for grizzlies, the center says.

"The grizzly bear is an icon in California history. It's on our state flag, but where is the grizzly bear?" said Jeff Miller, a conservation advocate for the national group with an office in Oakland. "There are serious issues to be addressed with reintroduction, but this idea should not be dismissed out of hand because of emotion."

While the last grizzly in the California wild was shot in the

early 1920s, there are some 1,400 to 1,700 of them in the Lower 48 states, a small fraction of the 50,000 believed to roam between the Pacific Ocean and Great Plains in the early 1800s.

The Center for Biological Diversity has collected some 20,000 signatures on an online petition urging the state Fish and Game Commission to consider studying the feasibility of reintroducing the grizzly, which is listed a federal threatened species.

The group also is doing social media ads for its campaign in preparation for presenting a formal petition to the commission in a few months.

Environmentalists call the messages part of a broader national campaign of "rewilding" areas to restore large carnivores such as bears, wolves, badgers and otters and protecting large connected habitats for them.

Large predators and large habitats, rewilding advocates say, are essential to keeping

ecosystems healthy.

But skeptics of reintroducing grizzlies into California say there are a host of practical problems with reintroducing a bear that weighs up to 800 pounds, roughly double the size of existing black bears in California.

While grizzly attacks on people are rare in North America, the bear's immense size and strength can make for fatal results when people get in the way. In grizzly-occupied Yellowstone National Park, bears have killed eight people over 145 years, compared with the six deaths from fallen trees, five deaths due to lightning and six deaths from avalanches. And their big appetites spur grizzlies to travel long distances in search of food, biologists say.

Jordan Traverso, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, said her agency is concerned that grizzlies would wander from remote areas into less remote

ones near people and livestock.

While the Center for Biological Diversity has suggested considering remote Sierra areas for grizzly bear territory, the Sierra has more limited food sources and a shorter growing season than coastal, marsh or valley areas where grizzly bears used to roam, she said. Salmon and other wildlife that grizzly bears feasted on 150 to 200 years ago are not as abundant as they used to be, she said.

"We already have many problems with conflicts with wildlife," she said. "I cannot foresee us taking on the burden and extra cost of something like this."

Wildlife managers worry whether people could adapt to living or traveling near grizzlies — learning to carry bear repellent, not making noise to surprise bears, not leaving out food sources, and generally staying clear of bears, especially protective mothers with cubs.

"One important issue is

whether people who live in their habitat would value them enough to tolerate them, and tolerating them could mean changing how you live," said Peter Alagona, a University of California, Santa Barbara associate professor of history, geography and environmental studies.

Alagona is communicating with other wildlife and environmental experts about grizzly bears in a forum he expects will lead to a symposium on the history of the grizzly bear in California and the potential benefits and problems of reintroduction.

Alagona said he has formed no opinion on reintroducing grizzlies, but he favors a study on the idea.

"We don't have enough information," Alagona said, noting that the last paper on grizzly bears in California was done in 1955.

Alagona said Europe has far more brown bears in less territory than the Lower 48 states in the United States.

Life & Style

Oliver Stone finds in 'Snowden' a real government conspiracy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oliver Stone had no desire to make a movie about Edward Snowden. That might seem surprising for a man who has tackled everything from the Vietnam War to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in his 40-some years as a filmmaker. Wasn't Stone tailor-made for the story of the NSA whistleblower?

Perhaps, but he'd been burned a few too many times lately. There was the Martin Luther King, Jr. movie that fell apart and the My Lai movie, too. Plus he really didn't want to do "a computer movie."

"You stay away from hot current topics because they change, the winds change, something changes, a new person comes out of the woodwork, lawsuits," Stone said in a recent interview with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who plays the title character in "Snowden," out Friday. "It's just a nightmare to do a living person."

And yet, somehow, Stone found himself in Moscow with his longtime producing partner, Moritz Borman,

Snowden, and Snowden's Russian lawyer talking about just that.

"I was wary of the movie and (Snowden) was wary of a movie," Stone said.

In fact, Stone was considering making something entirely fictional. Snowden's lawyer had written a "Dostoyevsky-like" novel inspired by the ordeal that was on the table. Stone had also thought about a version where the character is chased in Russia, like "a Bourne Identity," something where he goes back to hide in the U.S., or maybe even a James Bond-type story.

"The reality of course is much stiffer. There are no guns, there are no chases, there's no violence in the movie, and a typical coder at the NSA is not that interesting," Stone said.

He grappled with questions about how to make it exciting—a movie as opposed to a documentary.

Still, in the end, he decided to stay small, and make a more realistic "dramatic interpretation" of Snowden's 10 year journey from soldier to the



In this Aug. 28, 2016 photo, Oliver Stone, right, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt pose for a portrait in promotion of "Snowden" in Los Angeles. AP

man who leaked thousands of classified documents exposing the government's mass surveillance of private citizens. "Snowden" is also told in parallel with that pivotal 2013 meeting in Hong Kong with Glenn Greenwald, Ewan MacAskill and documentarian Laura Poitras, which was chronicled in the

Oscar-winning documentary "Citizenfour."

Stone had "enormous problems" financing the movie. The major studios shied away from it, and he had to cobble together money from France and Germany. He also got a lifeline from Open Road Films, the independent company behind last year's best

picture winner "Spotlight."

The silver lining was that Stone had the support of Snowden himself. That ended up being pivotal to Gordon-Levitt, who took on the challenge of disappearing into the title role. Snowden is even out promoting the film from his exile in Moscow.

"I don't think anybody looks forward to having a movie made about themselves, particularly someone who is a privacy advocate," Snowden told an audience via live Google Hangout in July, but said that there was a "kind of magic" to the film and its potential ability to reach a large audience through story-

telling. "It was something that made me really nervous but I think it worked."

For Gordon-Levitt, the film gives the Snowden story an emotional depth that he believes can be particularly resonant to the masses.

"You understand why as a human being he decided to do what he did. That's really a great entre into understanding what all is going on," Gordon-Levitt said. "Hopefully it will inspire people to think about it themselves."

Gordon-Levitt and Stone are in some ways polar opposites—Stone being the conspiracy theorist filmmaker of our time, and Gordon-Levitt as the brainchild of the unwaveringly positive open source production company HitRecord.

"(Stone) points to the phone and says 'this will be the end of us.' He's pretty pessimistic," said Gordon-Levitt.

Stone, separately, quipped back: "He's younger."

Still, Gordon-Levitt recognizes Stone's unique drive to tackle subjects others might think too nuclear.

"Oliver is the only one who could have made this movie," Gordon-Levitt said. "He's the only filmmaker who is willing to say 'I love my country but this thing that the government is doing isn't right and we should look at it.' No one else does that as pointedly and courageously as Oliver does."

Tom Ford: Movies are 'the ultimate design project'

TORONTO (AP)—In between premieres of his latest film, "Nocturnal Animals," in Venice and Toronto, fashion designer and filmmaker Tom Ford has launched a fall collection at New York's fashion week and picked up the prestigious Golden Lion award for his film in Venice.

But for Ford, the two realms are kept fastidiously apart. At the film's Toronto debut, he promised the audience there are no Tom Ford products in "Nocturnal Animals," as if such placements would be an appalling collision of worlds, an unholy tainting of his purer cinematic self.

"Nocturnal Animals" confirms both the directing talent evident from Ford's acclaimed debut, "A Single Man," and his strong desire to make filmmaker perhaps his foremost identity. "I would love to do it every three years for the rest of my life," he says in his deep, distinctively precise voice. "I'm very serious about it."

The film, which will be released Nov. 18, stars Amy Adams as a high-end Manhattan gallerist whose vacuous life is interrupted by a manuscript from her ex-

husband (Jake Gyllenhaal). Though the tale—a murder thriller set in the rural West—is fictional, it has profound personal meaning to their long-ago relationship.

In an interview shortly after the film's premiere in Toronto, Ford spoke about the schism between his two personas and why, as he said, "moviemaking is the most fun thing I can think of."



Ford

AP: What does filmmaking give you that fashion doesn't?

Ford: You will never feel the impact a dress had when who ever walked into a room for the very first time and they just were so breathtaking beautiful. Whereas film, you can capture that and it lasts forever. You can watch an old movie from the '30s and you're right there with them. You're feeling with them. They're dead. They're all gone. But you're back in that world. And for someone who likes to create, that's the ultimate design project of all time. For me, if everybody ever needed to know who I am or who I was at a certain moment in my life, you can watch "A Single Man." I'm George. That's it.

AP: Does it disappoint you that it's been seven years since your first film?

Ford: It does. I don't even know how that happened. Life goes by. When I had "A Single Man," I just had a men's business. I then opened a women's business. The women's business is treacherous. I opened 100 stores. I launched quite a few different projects. And when I had my son, I said I want to be a very hands-on father. I said I didn't want to make a movie until he was 3 or 4. The day he turned 3, we started shooting.

AP: While the sleek interiors of Adams' character's stylish New York life is surely familiar to you and doesn't differ greatly from those of "A Single Man," the Texas thriller half of the film is a departure.

Ford: Very few people see me in that life. My family's been in Texas for 200 years. If I put on a cowboy hat, I don't look stupid. Instantly, you see the genetics. I didn't grow up wearing suits. That's a world I'm very comfortable in. And I'm torn and split between the two. I'm one of these people who create all this fake, artificial stuff that we all consume. And like Amy's character, I am attracted and repulsed by

it. I've had the good fortune to know that it does not bring you happiness. It's a struggle, really, because I am creating it.

AP: I gather that control is an essential ingredient for you.

Ford: Control's my favorite word. It's not an accident my light (from the window) is tipped this way and the light's coming at me and you're backlit. It's actually second nature. I don't even think about it anymore. Maybe the older I get—I just turned 55—we're not in control of anything. We're just not. That doesn't mean I don't keep trying.

AP: Has it been difficult to obtain that in your two films? To have final cut?

Ford: Lipstick pays for that. I have the ability to finance. My first movie, I couldn't get financing for it. I don't think anyone really believed I could make a movie. My friend David Geffen said: "Pay for it. There's no better investment than yourself. Pay for your movie." I can't work if I don't have control. It's not an egotistical thing. It's that I've learned over time that I can't give my best or produce the best product. When I hear a lot of voices, it derails me. It confuses me. I will only ever make a movie if I control the underlying rights.

Solange Knowles describes negative experience at concert

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A family outing tied to giving her 11-year-old son and his friend a history lesson on hip-hop turned into a disappointing experience for singer Solange Knowles when she says a group of white women demanded she sit during a concert and then threw a lime at her.

Knowles, first on Twitter and later on her blog, described events at Friday's Kraftwerk concert from her perspective.

The younger sister of singer Beyonce said her family walked into the Orpheum Theater about 10 minutes late for the German electronic music group's performance.

She said she hadn't sat down yet because she was excited to dance to the group's tune "The Hall of Mirrors," which they were performing and she had just played in the car on the way to the concert. The women behind her told

her to sit and, when she didn't, she said they threw the fruit at her back.

Knowles tweeted: "This is why many black people are uncomfortable being in predominantly white spaces."

Knowles wrote of how she objected to the women's tone used in their demand that they sit.

"Sit down now, you need to sit down right now," Knowles recalled hearing.

Knowles said the tone was similar to one "that says to your friend, 'BOY ... go on over there and hand me my bag' at the airport, assuming he's a porter."

"You don't feel that most of the people in these incidents do not like black people, but simply are a product of their white supremacy and are exercising it on you without caution, care, or thought. Many times the tone just simply says, 'I do not feel you belong here.'"

Portman's Jackie Kennedy film to get Oscar season release

TORONTO (AP)—The Jackie Kennedy biopic “Jackie,” starring Natalie Portman, has been acquired by Fox Searchlight, which plans to push the film directly into the Oscar season.

Searchlight announced the acquisition early Tuesday shortly after the Pablo Larrain-directed film played at the Toronto International Film Festival. Though the market has been quiet in Toronto, “Jackie” has been the most hotly pursued film since its Venice Film Festival debut last week. The film cuts between the events surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy and other moments in the first lady’s life.



AP Actress Natalie Portman attends the “Jackie” premiere on day 4 of the Toronto International Film Festival at [the Winter Garden Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Toronto.

Fox Searchlight will release the movie Dec. 9, and it’s widely expected to catapult Portman into the best-actress Oscar race. Fox’s specialty division is an awards season regular that has ushered many films

into the Academy Awards, including best-picture winners “12 Years a Slave” and “Birdman,” as well as Portman’s own “Black Swan,” which won her best actress.

Searchlight’s other fall release, Nate Parker’s Nat Turner slave revolt drama “The Birth of a Nation,” had been seen as the studio’s horse in this year’s Oscar race. But that film’s awards hopes have been badly damaged by a rape accusation

from Parker’s past. In Toronto, Parker deflected questions about the case in a press conference.

“Pablo Larrain’s ‘Jackie’ is a daring, one-of-a-kind cinematic portrayal of a beloved icon” said Fox Searchlight Pictures Presidents Nancy Utley and Stephen Gilula.

Movies aren’t often acquired in Toronto and so quickly put into theaters. Usually they open sometime the following year. But Fox Searchlight has managed it before; in 2008, it picked up Darren Aronofsky’s “The Wrestler,” and led it to Oscar nods for both Mickey Rourke and Marisa Tomei.

Michelle Obama debuts as co-host of Ellen DeGeneres

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michelle Obama thinks her daughters will have a “tough time” leaving the White House because they grew up there.

The first lady says her family will miss the staff the most because they helped raise 18-year-old Malia and 15-year-old Sasha. She adds that the staff has “loved us” and “taken care of us” but says “the minute we leave, that’s it.”

The first lady commented during an appearance Tuesday as co-host of the “The Ellen DeGeneres Show.”

Mrs. Obama says her girls think they’re ready, but that it’s hard leaving the place where you grew up. She says she and President Barack Obama are encouraging their daughters to “step back” and appreciate such moments as walking on the South Lawn or taking in the view from the Truman Balcony.

‘Groundhog Day’ musical is headed to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—“Groundhog Day” is coming to Broadway. We repeat: “Groundhog Day” is coming to Broadway.

The musical based on the much-loved 1993 movie about a jaded weatherman forced to live the same day over and over will make the leap from London and open this spring at the August Wilson Theatre.

Britain’s theater critics were largely enthusiastic about the version that opened this summer starring Andy Karl in the Bill Murray role. The Broadway cast will be announced later.

The musical’s script is by Danny Rubin, who co-wrote the film and keeps it faithful to the spirit of the original. Composer-lyricist Tim Minchin and director Matthew Warchus are the team behind “Matilda: The Musical,” the Roald Dahl-inspired show that won seven Olivier Awards and four Tonys.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Alec Baldwin welcomes baby boy with wife Hilaria

NEW YORK (AP)—Ireland Baldwin says everyone in the family is happy about the birth of the newest Baldwin. Alec Baldwin and his wife, Hilaria, announced on social media that their third child, son Leonardo Angel Charles, was born Monday night in New York City. Ireland Baldwin, sitting front row at Monique Lhuillier’s New York Fashion Week show on Tuesday, said she hasn’t met her new baby brother yet. But she called his arrival “really exciting.” “I’m mostly here for family,” she said. “Fashion week was happening at the same time as my new brother was being delivered into the world, so it all worked out.” Alec and Hilaria Baldwin, who wed in 2012, are also parents to a 3-year-old daughter and 15-month-old son. Ireland Baldwin’s mother is actress Kim Basinger, whose marriage to Alec

Baldwin ended in 2002.

Red Hot Chili Peppers to perform before LA Rams game

NEW YORK (AP)—Red Hot Chili Peppers are welcoming home the Los Angeles Rams. The L.A.-based Chili Peppers will perform at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum before the Rams take on the Seattle Seahawks. The game will be the first NFL game in Los Angeles in 22 years. The Rams moved to Los Angeles this season after moving to St. Louis in 1994. Chili Peppers bassist Flea said in a statement “since I was a little boy, I’ve taken joy in the beauty of the Rams. When I moved to Los Angeles in 1972, I was getting uprooted from my home and I thought, ‘Well, where I’m going they’ve got the Rams. It’s going to be all right.’” The band also includes singer Anthony Kiedis, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist

Josh Klinghoffer.

Penguin Random House to release Zayn Malik autobiography

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zayn Malik is telling his life story. Penguin Random House announced Tuesday that it will publish the 23-year-old’s “first autobiography.” “Zayn” will be released Nov. 1. The book will include personal photographs and drawings from the former One Direction band member. Malik quit the group in 2015 and released his solo debut, “Mind of Mine,” earlier this year. He canceled scheduled concerts in the United Kingdom and Dubai in recent months because of “extreme anxiety around major live solo performances.” The singer-songwriter says he wrote an autobiography so his fans “can judge me on my own terms, not on what the press or anyone else says.”

Amy Schumer shares her food poisoning battle on Instagram

Amy Schumer is giving fans a first-hand look at her battle with food poisoning.

The comedian posted a picture on Instagram of herself in bed along-side boyfriend Ben Hanisch on Monday with a caption, “Thanks for everything Paris! Except the food poisoning.”

That image was followed



Schumer

by a video and pictures of her smiling while in a hospital bed.

She also posted a photo of her “trying to eat chicken broth” while sitting by a window with a view of the Eiffel Tower.

Schumer recently wrapped up a European tour.

Schumer’s publicist said Tuesday that the comedian is feeling fine now. (AP)

Living at home stops college grad from being her true self

DEAR ABBY: I am a bisexual female college graduate living at home, and an only child. I have had one sexual encounter with a woman but never a relationship. I have, however, had relationships with men.

I came out to my mother when I was a teenager. She didn’t believe me, but did say that she would not mention it to my other parents or family members. (I have two stepparents as both biological parents remarried.)

I am considering—if I find a woman to go on a date with/be with—pursuing a lesbian relationship. However, I am not financially independent and won’t be for many years. My problem is I’m afraid to do it while I am living at home. My cousins, friends and ex-boyfriends all know, just not my parents, grandparents, aunts, etc. Do I try for my own happiness and hope for the best, or defer my happiness and only date men?

SCARED TO BE WHO I AM

DEAR SCARED: You are no longer a teenager; you’re an adult now. You should be entitled to have the kind of relationship with which you are most comfortable. If your cousins know about the fact that you are bisexual, the chances are that so do their parents. However, if coming out now would mean that you would be out on the street, I’m advising you to keep your mouth shut and bide your

time until you are independent.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I are all travelers. Recently, some issues have arisen with them about the way they regard my mode of travel. They prefer flying versus driving. I don’t. Because of my size.

I can’t fit into an airplane seat and buckle the seat belt without an extender. I’m always worried that I’ll be forced to buy an extra seat or won’t be allowed to fly because of my weight, and it is stressful. I have tried for years to lose weight, but have gotten only to the point where I’m maintaining my weight.

I fit comfortably in my car. I can get the seat belt buckled, and I don’t have to inconvenience other passengers.

My family is now trying to discourage me from taking future trips with them because I won’t fly. They claim it’s because I’m single and normally travel by myself. I’m in my mid-30s and have traveled solo for years. Any suggestions on how to help them understand my choice?

FRUSTRATED SOLO HEAVY TRAVELER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your family may be doing this in an attempt to “encourage” you to work harder at losing weight. However, if you are more comfortable traveling by car, then that’s what you should be doing.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: We have a co-worker who has been internet dating. She constantly tells her co-workers how horrible the men are and says the same thing about the dates.

How do we tell her that it’s not the men, but her?

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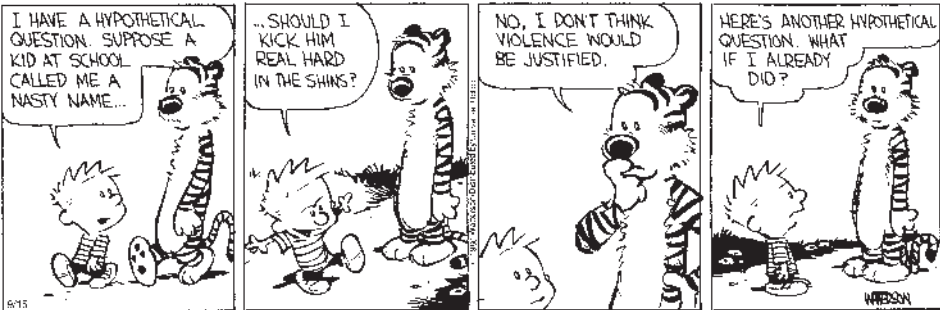
DEAR STUMPED: If you’re smart, you won’t—unless she asks.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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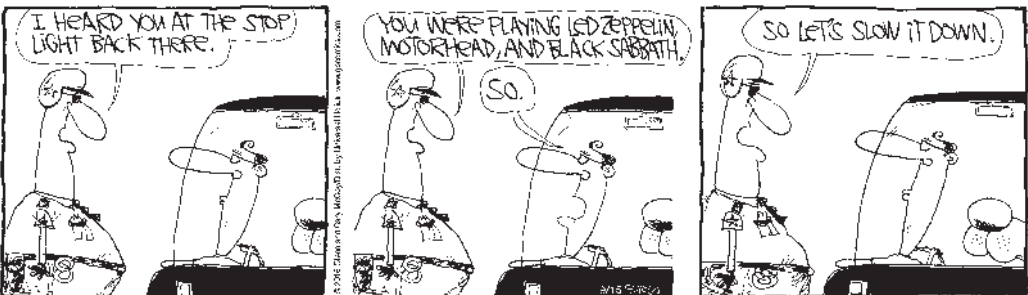
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ACROSS

1 Diamond arbiters

5 Soda

8 Dr. McGraw

12 Author Bellow

13 Carnival city

14 Billions of years

15 Beige

16 PC key

17 Slightly

18 Become enraged

20 Small pie

22 University teachers

26 Donnybrook

29 Triage ctrs.

30 24 horas

31 Saharan

32 Snoop

33 Probability

34 Belief

35 Wrigley product

36 Void

DOWN

1 Exploits

2 Spiked club

3 Chaste

4 Ate

5 Madrid museum

6 Tin Man's need

7 Clayware

8 Compote

9 Winter quaff

10 —

11 Leary's drug

19 Before

21 Ninny

23 Physicist Enrico

24 Disen-cumbers

25 Lip

26 Hotel worker

27 Gaelic

28 Succotash

32 Beer can opener

33 Little-known

35 Cookie-selling org.

36 Packed away

38 Chip choice

39 Golf great

42 "— chic!"

43 Mellows

44 Make over

45 Vintage

46 Architect I.M.

48 Swelled head

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Prince Harry, 32; Tom Hardy, 39; Tommy Lee Jones, 70; Oliver Stone, 70.

Happy Birthday: Do what you do best and enjoy doing the most. Success is within your reach. The opportunities heading your way will encourage you to branch out and follow your dream. Changes are best embraced and can be turned into a chance to do something that is satisfying as well as profitable. Romance is highlighted. Your numbers are 4, 11, 18, 25, 33, 41, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't share others' secrets. The less involved you are in gossip or what others are doing, the easier it will be for you to make the positive changes you want to see happen in your life. Romance is encouraged. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Step up and participate in a worthy cause. Stand up for your own beliefs. Take action and make a difference to those who don't have a voice. Your strength and courage will put you in a leadership position. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Friends, children or people you are indebted to will pose a problem. Clear your calendar in order to deal with matters that have the potential to escalate. Precision and technique will be required to meet your responsibilities. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your relationships with peers will face troubles if you can't agree on how things should be done. Consider your options and look for a way

to compromise now in order to get something in the future. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fall for a fast-talking sales pitch that promises the impossible. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place and focus on self-improvement and personal growth. An elder's point of view will be worth listening to. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take on more responsibilities than you can handle. Someone will criticize you if you can't produce what you promise. You'll get the best results if you update your skills to foster greater professional and financial opportunities. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn your lessons from those with expertise, not from someone who is trying to bully you into doing things his or her way. A positive change is one that allows you greater freedom to do as you please. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your charm and unusual approach to home, life and helping others will put you in a unique situation. Your powers of persuasion will help you succeed and may qualify you for bigger and better opportunities. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid anyone who is trying to take advantage of you. Deception and disillusionment will lead to poor judgment and loss. Focus instead on what you can do to make your life better. Physical improvements are highlighted. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A walk down memory lane will do you good and remind you why you have moved on from the things that were holding you back. You have little to gain from reconnecting with someone from your past. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got the drive to bring about the changes that will make you happy. Ulterior motives may be held by someone who is trying to deter you from reaching your goals. Put your own needs first and work hard to achieve your goals. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotions will take over, causing problems when dealing with superiors, older relatives or colleagues. Don't voice your opinions until you have time to mull over all the information. Emotional manipulation is apparent. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, courageous and persistent. You are passionate and forceful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	3	9	7	6	8	2	5	4
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2	4	1	8	9	5	7	3	6
3	9	5	6	7	1	4	2	8
9	1	6	3	2	4	8	7	5
4	8	3	1	5	7	6	9	2
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

TEXTING WITH YOUR MOM Solution: 7 letters

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter Of) **FCD-AD-CIVIL**
The Adoption Of:) **ACTION**
) **NO. 16-0425**

Neelawala, Leinucia Janei)
Mettao, Dewayne Ilo)
Minor Child) **NOTICE OF**
) **HEARING**

By:)
Teregeyo, Gregory)
Mettao, Tricia)
Petitioner(s))

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 26th day of September 2016 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Govendo.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2016.

/s/ By: Patrick V. Diaz,
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

CONCEPTION MUNA MANGLONA,

Decedent.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-0307

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION

TO: THE SURVIVING HEIRS OF VICENTE M. MANGLONA, JOSE M. MANGLONA, NICOLAS M. MANGLONA, and THOMAS M. MANGLONA:

The foregoing Summons/ Notice of Hearing is served upon you by publication to notify you that on **September 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.**, a hearing will be held before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho on Interested Party Norman T. Tenorio's Petition for Decree of Partial Distribution in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The attorney for Norman T. Tenorio is Robert T. Torres, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2016

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,

-v-

ANGELINA A. MANGLONA Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-0408

NINTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the rights, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 345 R 404, situated in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 21, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84-2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated, this 9th day of September, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estates of : CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-0498

MATEO M. TAISACAN and : And

SABINA M. TAISACAN, : consolidated case

Deceased. : (C.A. No. 07-0289)

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estates of Mateo M. Taisacan and Sabina M. Taisacan in and to the following property: an agricultural homestead situated in Ginalagan, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract No. 22127, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys' Official Survey Plat No. 2066/79 dated December 20, 1984.

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Yankees stay on course of AL wild card bid



NEW YORK
(AP)—Two big swings, both off the bench.

Left out of the starting lineup, Jacoby Ellsbury and Didi Gregorius hit back-to-back homers on consecutive pitches in the seventh inning to power the New York Yankees past the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Gary Sanchez added a lead-off home run in the eighth, CC Sabathia pitched three-hit ball for 6 1/3 innings and the Yankees helped their unexpected playoff push by winning for the eighth time in 10 games.

New York pulled even with Detroit, two games behind Toronto and Baltimore for the two AL wild cards.

"I think rest is helpful at this point in the season," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We've seen a couple of times when we've given Jacoby a day off, he's been really good the next day and goes on a pretty good streak. So hopefully it happens when we give him a half day."

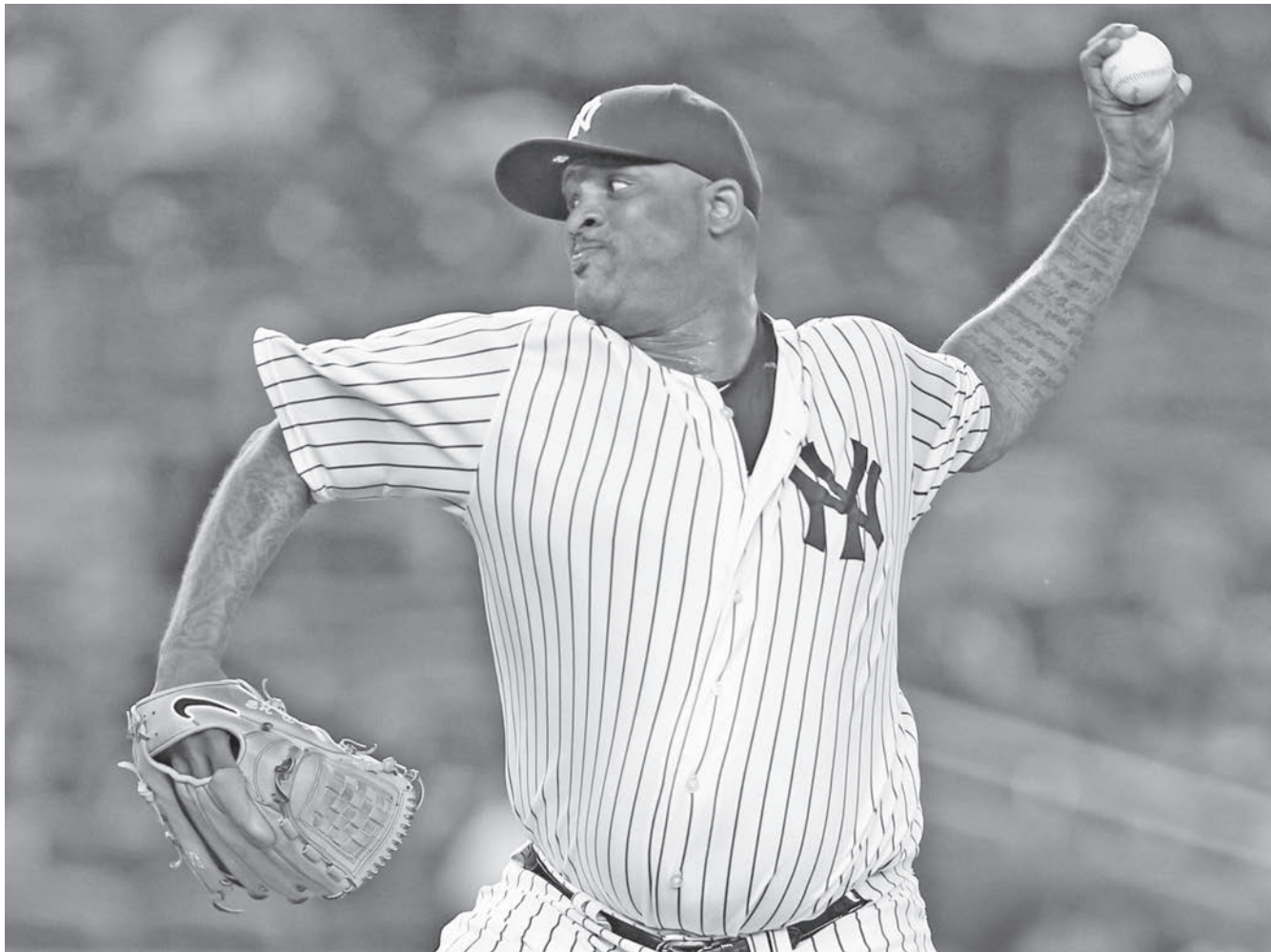
Prized rookie Julio Urias was lifted in the fourth by the Dodgers, who had won seven of nine before their latest offensive flop against left-handed pitching.

They entered play with a four-game lead in the NL West over San Francisco, which hosted San Diego later.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 3

In Boston, J.J. Hardy, Nolan Reimold and Jonathan Schop homered and the Baltimore Orioles beat Boston to pull within two games of the AL East-leading Red Sox.

The Orioles also tied Toron-



New York Yankees' starting pitcher CC Sabathia delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016.

Defending World Series champion Kansas City dropped five games out of the wild-card race with only 18 games left.

Rookie Matthew Strahm (2-1) took the loss.

John Axford (6-4) pitched one inning. Ryan Madson closed for his 30th save in 36 tries.

White Sox 8, Indians 1

In Chicago, Todd Frazier and Carlos Sanchez each drove in two runs in a seven-run sixth inning and Chicago handed AL Central-leading Cleveland its second straight lopsided loss.

The Indians, who have allowed 19 runs in two games, maintained a six-game lead over Detroit.

Jose Quintana (12-10) held Cleveland to five hits over eight innings.

Trevor Bauer (11-7) took the loss.

Marlins 7, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Ichiro Suzuki scored two runs and drove in another in the 900th multihit game of his career and Miami boosted its fading wild-card hopes.

Miami is five games out of a playoff spot.

Justin Nicolino (3-6) earned the win with two hitless innings. A.J. Ramos worked a perfect ninth for his 35th save.

Matt Wisler (6-12) got the loss.

Freddie Freeman hit his career-high 30th homer for Atlanta. Matt Kemp also homered.

Pirates 5, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Sean Rodriguez had a pinch-hit three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Pittsburgh.

The Pirates remained six games behind the Mets for the second NL wild card.

Rodriguez hit for pitcher Felipe Rivero (1-5) with two on and one out and connected off Jeanmar Gomez (3-4).

Tony Watson struck out two in the ninth for his 12th save.

Reds 6, Brewers 4

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto homered and drove in two runs, Dan Straily pitched a career-high eight innings and Cincinnati took advantage of some sloppy Milwaukee fielding for its fifth straight win.

Straily (12-8) pitched around solo home runs by Keon Broxton and Jonathan Villar to improve to 8-2 since the All-Star break.

Matt Garza (5-7) allowed five runs, only one earned, in five innings.

to for the wild-card lead.

Dylan Bundy (9-5) gave up three runs over 5 1/3 innings. Zach Britton pitched a scoreless ninth for his 42nd save.

Xander Bogaerts homered for Boston, which had won five of six.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 2

In St. Louis, Brandon Moss broke out of a lengthy slump with a tiebreaking home run and Aledmys Diaz connected in his return to the starting lineup, leading St. Louis over Chicago.

The Cardinals ensured that the runaway Cubs won't clinch the NL Central at Busch Sta-

dium. Chicago's magic number is three, and the series in St. Louis wraps up Thursday.

St. Louis remained a half-game behind the New York Mets for the second wild-card spot.

Moss began the day mired in a 1-for-41 skid. He hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Jason Hammel (14-9).

Alex Reyes (2-1) pitched 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. Kevin Siegrist got his second save.

Rangers 3, Astros 2

In Houston, Jurickson Profar hit a tiebreaking single and AL West-leading Texas rallied for

two runs in the ninth inning.

The Rangers improved to 15-3 against Houston this year. The Astros are 4 1/2 games back in the wild-card chase.

Rougned Odor fanned with one out in the ninth but reached on a wild pitch. He later scored on Elvis Andrus' two-out triple against Ken Giles (2-4), and Profar singled.

Rays 6, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Drew Smyly pitched 5 2/3 innings to remain unbeaten at Rogers Centre, Alexei Ramirez and Steven Souza Jr. hit home runs and Tampa Bay stopped Toronto.

The Blue Jays are tied with Baltimore for the AL wild-card spots. Toronto is 3-8 in September.

Ramirez hit a three-run homer off Marcus Stroman (9-8) in the fifth.

Smyly (7-11) is 4-0 at Toronto.

Mets 4, Nationals 3, 10 innings

In Washington, T.J. Rivera hit his first major league home run, connecting for the Mets in the 10th off Washington closer Mark Melancon.

New York has won eight of 10 and is a half-game ahead of St. Louis for the second NL wild card.

Rivera drove in three runs. His shot off Melancon (2-2) helped snap the Nationals' four-game winning streak.

Twins 8, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Jorge Polanco homered and drove in four runs and Brian Dozier added three more hits to his torrid second half for Minnesota.

The Tigers lost for the third time in 14 games against Minnesota, costing them precious ground in a crowded race for the second AL wild card.

Kyle Gibson (6-9) dominated, allowing one run and five hits in eight innings.

Matt Boyd (5-4) took the loss in his worst outing since June. He gave up seven runs, eight hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings.

Athletics 5, Royals 4

In Kansas City, pinch hitter Yonder Alonso delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning to rally Oakland.

Chinese dominate medal count at Paralympics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—At the Riocentro Pavilion 2, the only sound in the table tennis arena was a steady tapping as the two competitors in the gold medal match struggled for points.

On one side of the table was Xue Juan. On the other, Li Qian. Both Chinese Paralympians in wheelchairs. Their match was one of two to decide a gold medal on Monday that featured athletes from China only.

After Xue defeated Li, and Zhang Bian beat Gu Gai in the later match, each winner quietly acknowledged the victory, wheeled to the middle of the table and shook the hand of her countrywoman.

There were no screaming fans, and little celebration. But in Rio, the scene has become routine, across the menu of sports. China is dominating the Paralympics.

After competition ended on Tuesday, China held a huge lead at the top of the board with 147 total medals (63 golds) through six days of competition. The next closest country, the United Kingdom, had 75 medals in all.

The Ukraine (72) was next with the United States (61) in fourth and host Brazil (43) in fifth.

China has topped the medal board in the last three Summer Paralympics, beginning at the 2004 Athens Games.

This year, China has more than 300 athletes, a physical representation of the country's commitment to keeping its spot as a Paralympic powerhouse, but it can also be seen as a strategy: More athletes competing means more opportunities to collect medals.

This was evident soon after

China stepped foot on Brazilian soil. Last Friday, China won 14 medals in swimming, including two all-China podiums in men's 50- and 100-meter butterfly races. The victories have not stopped.

Some athletes, however, have been raising questions about China's dominance in Rio.

Philip Craven, the International Paralympic Committee president, was asked at a news conference on Monday about complaints that Brazilian competitors had been making about potential cheating by Chinese athletes.

"We had a very informal, short board meeting this morning of the IPC and that issue was brought up to us and it is something that we will look into in the future, not to do necessarily with doping, we always look into



Messi hits hat trick as Barcelona thrashes Celtic

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Lionel Messi scored a hat trick and Neymar excelled as a playmaker to lead Barcelona to a record-setting 7-0 win over Celtic in their Champions League opener on Tuesday.

Celtic failed to convert a first-half penalty and level the score at 1-1 in a miserable night for the Scottish visitors.

Neymar set up Messi to score twice in the first half hour at Camp Nou before the Brazil striker struck from a free kick just after halftime.

Neymar kept pouring it on, crossing for substitute Andres Iniesta to fire in a vicious volley.

Messi took his career tally to 86 goals in Europe's top-tier competition before Luis Suarez rounded off the rout with a pair of goals.

"It didn't matter who we had in front us, I remember a beauty and precision that was of another class. Against that, rivals can do very little," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "It was a great way to make our entrance to the competition (this season)."

The 7-0 victory surpassed Barcelona's biggest win in the Champions League to date, a 7-1 defeat of Bayer Leverkusen in 2012.

Luis Enrique credited Messi's deft movement across the front of the attack, and his dips into Barcelona's midfield where he acts as a facilitator, as key to unlocking Celtic.

"Leo Messi plays at every position, he has freedom to do so because he is the best in the world at any position he plays," Luis Enrique said. "That's total football. We wouldn't be very smart to put limits on him. That's why he is the best of all time. Not just because of his numbers, but for his vision of the game."

Long gone was the firepower Brendan Rodgers' team displayed in Celtic's 5-1 rout of fierce rival Rangers on Saturday in the Scottish Premiership.

Instead, Barcelona improved on the 6-1 win over Celtic from their last meeting in 2013.

"There can be no embarrassment because they do that to better teams than ourselves, (but) it's obviously a disappointment," Rodgers said. "To lose by so many goals is tough to take."

It was the first joint-start this season for Messi and Neymar, after Neymar missed Barcelona's first four matches helping his country win the Olympic gold medal.

The two stars, who played in the last half hour of Satur-



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, left, takes on Celtic's Erik Svitchenko during a Champions League Group C soccer match between Barcelona and Celtic at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016.

son as a replacement for the departed Gonzalo Higuain, equalized in the 36th minute when he headed a left-wing cross from Faouzi Ghoulam back across goalkeeper Olexandr Shovkovskiy.

Basel 1, Ludogorets 1

In Switzerland, Basel was held to a draw by Ludogorets and let its season-long 100 percent record slip.

Trailing since the 45th minute, Basel leveled in the 79th when Renato Steffen took advantage of a goal-keeping error.

Ludogorets had led on a breakaway goal by Brazilian forward Jonathan Cafu.

Benfica 1, Besiktas 1

In Lisbon, Former Benfica player Talisca scored from a free kick in injury time to give Besiktas a draw against his previous club in Group B of the Champions League.

Talisca, playing on loan after two seasons with Benfica, fired a well-placed left-foot shot past the wall three minutes into stoppage time. The Brazilian midfielder came on as a substitute at halftime but had more shots than any other Besiktas player.



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day's stunning 2-1 Spanish league loss to Alaves, needed just three minutes to link up and put Barcelona in charge.

Neymar used a clever, no-look pass to play Messi clear on the left side of the area.

Messi did the rest by sizing up Dorus de Vries before blasting a left-footed shot past the Celtic keeper.

It got even better from there.

The second goal was a brilliant piece of shared playmaking that undid Celtic completely, as the ball flowed from Messi to Neymar and back again for him to nudge over the line in the 27th.

"The ball moves like it's on an ice rink, and they move as fast as that," Rodgers said. "(Barcelona) is the world's best at keeping the ball."

Three minutes earlier, Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen made up for his foul in the area on Moussa Dembele by blocking Dembele's penalty kick and denying Celtic its only scoring chance.

Goal No. 3 came in the 50th when Neymar curled a free kick over the wall. De Vries got a hand on the ball but not enough to keep it out.

Arsenal 1, PSG 1

In Paris, Arsenal recovered from a nightmare start to salvage a draw at Paris Saint-Germain after Alexis Sanchez scored a late equalizer in their Champions League opener.

The Chile forward converted a rare chance for the

unimpressive visitors with 12 minutes left in the Group A match, after Edinson Cavani had scored PSG's opener with just 44 seconds on the clock.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger's unexpected decision to give a starting nod to David Ospina in goal at the expense of Petr Cech also paid off, with the Colombian keeper making a string of decisive saves to keep his

team afloat.

Sanchez scored from a rebound against the run of the play after PSG keeper Alphonse Areola parried Alex Iwobi's powerful shot, sparing the Gunners a third consecutive loss in their opening game in the competition.

Napoli 2, Dynamo 1

In Kiev, Arkadiusz Milik scored with two headers as

Napoli came from behind to beat Dynamo Kiev.

Denys Garmash had put Kiev in front in the 26th minute in the Group B match in the Ukrainian capital. The hosts finished with 10 men after Serhiy Sydorchuk received his second yellow card in the 68th minute for diving.

Milik, a Poland striker who joined Napoli in the offsea-

Love chooses Fowler, Holmes, Kuchar for Ryder Cup

CHASKA, Minn. (AP)—U.S. Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III chose Rickie Fowler, J.B. Holmes and Matt Kuchar on Monday for the upcoming showdown with Europe at Hazeltine.

Love said there was strong debate and discussion with vice captains Tiger Woods, Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk late into the afternoon on Sunday before a consensus was finally reached. The choices lean heavily on Ryder Cup experience as the Americans go for their first win since 2008.

"We went back and forth on a lot of great players and it was a tough decision," Love said.

Holmes finished 10th in the Ryder Cup standings and called Love last week to tell him how important it was for him to be on the team. Holmes finished tied for fourth at the BMW Championship on Sunday and is one of the few active Americans to have never lost in the event. He played at Valhalla

in 2008, when he went 2-0-1.

Fowler started the year with a victory in Abu Dhabi and was rolling in the Phoenix Open before losing a two-shot lead with two holes to play and then faltering in a playoff. He also lost the 54-hole lead at Wells Fargo and at Barclays, which prevented him from qualifying for the team on points. Fowler was part of the Ryder Cup Task Force aimed at turning around the Americans' fortunes in the event, but he is 0-3-5 in two previous Ryder Cups, both on European soil.

Kuchar was thought of as a favorite for one of the picks given his ability to play with any partner in a team event where chemistry is crucial. He has just one victory in the last two years at the Fiji International, but made a big impression by winning bronze at the Rio Olympics. He is 4-5-2 in his Ryder Cup career and has played on the three previous American teams, all

of which lost to Europe.

"It stinks for me to be sitting on the outside needing a pick," Kuchar said. "I thought I had a nice year, but not nice enough to qualify on points. Team USA is certainly very strong. To have the picks we've had is fantastic."

The three captain's choices join Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed, Jimmy

Walker, Brooks Koepka, Brandt Snedeker and Zach Johnson, who qualified in the final standings for the Americans. The U.S. has only one rookie on its roster to date while the Europeans will bring six newcomers to Minnesota.

"We know what to expect. We've been there," Love said. "We're going to learn from our mistakes in the past and build on it. We know what happened in the past, but we're looking to the future now."

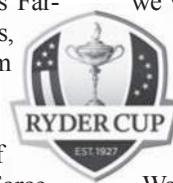
Love will announce his final captain's pick on Sept. 25,

after the Tour Championship. The Ryder Cup begins on Sept. 30.

Left off the initial round of captain's picks was Bubba Watson, currently ranked No. 7 in the world. He won at Riviera, but hasn't won a singles match in three Ryder Cups. Furyk was also passed over. He did not make it to the BMW Championship, but he lost four months of the season to wrist surgery and only started playing in May.

Love said the final pick will not necessarily come down to who plays the best at the Tour Championship. Some players who are not in that field remain up for consideration.

"We're a sports team and we have to draft the right player for the right position," Love said. "There's going to be a lot of stats and a lot of things to look at. But making our pairings, fitting into the team, doing all the little things you're asked to do, these three guys fill incredible roles and a lot of different roles."



AP Power Rankings: Garoppolo, Pats at No. 1

NEW YORK (AP)—Jimmy Garoppolo filled in for Tom Brady quite nicely.

Garoppolo was so good in New England's season-opening win at Arizona that the Patriots moved into the top spot in the AP Pro32 poll on Tuesday.

The Cardinals made it to the NFC championship game last season, but Garoppolo threw for 264 yards and a touchdown to lead the Patriots to a 23-21 victory on Sunday night. New England received five of 12 first-place votes in balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"With Tom Brady sitting out the first game of a four-week suspension and All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski out with a hamstring injury, Jimmy Garoppolo did just enough to help the Patriots to a stunning road win at Arizona," Newsday's Bob Glauber said.

"But the real star of this game was Patriots coach Bill Belichick, whose sideline genius makes up for the loss of his two star players."



The Patriots will be without Brady for three more games, all of them at home starting on Sunday against Miami. New England is the only AFC East team to win its opener.

Defending champion Den-

ver received three first-place votes and moved up to No. 2 in the poll.

Pittsburgh, which opened with a dominating 38-16 win at Washington, earned a first-place vote and is No. 3 overall.

"Any team that tries to cover Antonio Brown with one defender deserves what it gets—a funky end zone celebration," said Ira Kaufman of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Green Bay received two

^{AP}
New England Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) scrambles against the Arizona Cardinals during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Glendale, Ariz.

first-place votes and is the highest-ranked NFC team at No. 4.

Carolina, which lost its opener to Denver when Graham Gano missed a 50-yard field goal in the final minute, had a first-place vote but dropped to fifth.

Cam Newton, who took several hard hits in that game, is expected to play in the Panthers' home opener against the 49ers.

"He's tough, he's resilient and he's moving around pretty good," coach Ron Rivera

said Monday.

Seattle and Cincinnati, who both opened with close wins, tied for sixth.

Arizona dropped from No. 2 to No. 8. Chandler Catanzaro missed a 47-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter. The snap was low and holder Drew Butler said he trapped the ball near where it was supposed to be.

"That probably threw the timing off a little bit," Butler said. "But me and Cat (Catanzaro) have a job to do and I'll definitely take some blame on that one. I wish we could have put it through for our teammates. The offense did a great job of giving us the opportunity."

Kansas City and Minnesota rounded out the top 10.

The Vikings open their new stadium on Sunday night against the rival Packers.

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three, also drew a hat trick from Taro Goto and two from Jolo Pulido.

Paire, on the other hand, got two goals each from Justin Weaver, Dylan Mister, and Maui Johnson, and Erin Frink and one from Max Church.

Weaver put Paire on the board with his shot in the 8th minute, while Goto answered in the 16th minute for the first deadlock. Goto made it two in a row with his conversation in the 18th minute, but Paire evened the game quickly as Weaver also nailed his second straight goal two minutes later.

The seesaw battle continued as Pulido scored in the 25th minute to hand TanHoldings the lead anew before Mister countered in the 29th to knot the count. Fajardo's first goal in the 31st minute gave TanHoldings the upper hand anew, but Paire stole the driver's seat when Johnson and Frink hit the board in the 34th and 44th

minute, respectively. Paire's stay at the top was short-lived as a minute later Pulido connected the game-tying goal, but the former reclaimed the lead after Frink scored anew a few seconds later.

Paire then gained more cushion, 7-5, when Johnson earned his second goal in the 46th minute, but Goto cut the deficit to one anew with his shot in the 47th. Paire went on to post its biggest lead in the match, 9-6, thanks to Mister and Church, who found the back of the net in the 48th and 52nd minute, respectively.

However, Paire failed to hang on to the lead, as it could not contain Fajardo, who had a string of three goals, making his first in the 53rd and the last two in the 57th and final minute of the 60-minute exciting match.

Meanwhile, games in the division will resume this Saturday with TanHoldings challenging Kanoa at Pitch A at 12:30pm. Over at Pitch B at the same time, MP United 2 will have its season debut against Paire.

Rams can't dwell on blowout loss with home opener looming

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—The Los Angeles Rams have been mostly on the move for eight straight months. They've had little time to dwell on anything during their cross-country relocation and their nomadic new beginning in Southern California.

After the debacle that was their regular season opener, coach Jeff Fisher is grateful they've learned how to move on quickly.

"There's a natural sense of disappointment and frustration, but you've got to push that out," Fisher said Tuesday. "You've got to eliminate that and come back and make it work."

The Rams' coaching staff returned from that 28-0 loss to the San Francisco 49ers and worked through a sleepless night to begin preparations for Sunday's historic homecoming game against Seattle. While the Rams can't dwell on the embarrassment of their trip to the Bay Area, Fisher saw the depth of the work they're facing just to be

competitive with the mighty Seahawks at the Coliseum.

"You've heard of the 24-hour rule, right?" Fisher asked. "You've got 24 hours to get this thing over with and corrected and done. In this case, I gave them a 22-hour rule, because we've got a short week."

The Rams' comprehensive failures were undeniably worrying, particularly on offense. Los Angeles managed 185 yards, went 3 for 15 on third downs, punted a league-high 10 times and never even reached the red zone against an opponent that isn't expected to be particularly good this season.

Fisher saw several reasons for the Rams' offensive struggles, largely centering on their inability to establish a running game. Todd Gurley got 47 yards on 17 carries against a San Francisco defense designed specifically to stop him -- the same basic strategy that's likely to be used by every opponent of a team that has a star running back, but made no significant

upgrades to the NFL's worst passing offense last season.

"Their commitment was to stop the run with Todd, and then try to get us to make the plays outside," Fisher said. "But we wanted to stay with the run, because it's the run game that helps you get the plays outside."

Case Keenum went 17 for 35 in his first NFL opening-week start, and backup Sean Mannion didn't get a snap. Fisher said No. 1 pick Jared Goff could step in for Mannion as Keenum's backup against Seattle, but the Rams won't decide until later in the week.

Fisher also was concerned by the Rams' 10 penalties, including seven against the defense. Gurley committed a taunting penalty that stalled a decent drive, while defensive lineman Aaron Donald got ejected for a late scuffle with a 49ers player and an official.

While Fisher saw the reasons behind his two stars' reactions, he didn't condone them. "We addressed it," Fisher

said. "These are two captains that had significant penalties in this game. We just can't have that."

After getting routed by the one NFC West team they were expected to beat, the Rams take a big step up in opposition quality this weekend for their long-awaited official return to Los Angeles. Another huge crowd is expected to welcome home the Rams, who set an NFL preseason game record with the crowd at last month's first exhibition.

With the results from Santa Clara still stinging, Fisher realizes the Rams need every possible boost to get competitive this season.

"I would like to think that we would have a significant home-field advantage there," Fisher said. "From a personal standpoint, I'm excited about this. This is our home opener. So we're disappointed in what happened last night, but as the week goes on, the enthusiasm and the excitement is going to grow."

RANGAMAR

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outdoor basketball league at the San Antonio court.

The NMA official left Saipan last Sunday and arrived in the Land Down Under last Monday. In Australia, he will attend the course with coaches from the host country, Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, Tuvalu, and

Hong Kong.

"We have 16 participants and the course lecturer is Fletcher McEwen from Adelaide, South Australia," Oceania Athletics Association's Sports Management intern Sarah Runzheimer said in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

McEwen is the former national coach of Australia and ex-director of the IAAF Regional Development Centre in Adelaide and a recipient

of honorary life membership from OAA in 2013.

His course is divided into two parts with the practical session to take place at the Townsville Athletics Stadium and the classroom discussion to be held at the Townsville Sports House.

Once he completes the course, Rangamar is expected to sit down with NMA's pool of athletes and coach to discuss new techniques

and methods in sprints and hurdles, which are among the events under the athletics competitions in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games and the 2018 Micronesian Games.

The Mini Games will be held in Vanuatu from Dec. 2 to 14 and the CNMI has until December to inform organizers if it will send athletes to the races. The Micro Games, on the other hand, will take place in Yap from July 15 to 28.

and Fiji.

From Auckland, the Commonwealth player will head to Hamilton for the ITF Waikato-Bays Under 18s Championships. This event is also a Grade 5 contest and will run from Oct. 3 to 8 at the Waikato Tennis Centre in East Hamilton. Again, Lee is included in the main draw of the tournament in Waikato, which has more players (54) on the acceptance list.

Joining Lee in the two tournaments in New Zealand is her doubles partner Ayana Rengil of Palau. Lee and Rengil are members of the Pacific Oceania Touring Team, which also has Samoa's Lyla Tapusoa and Papua New Guinea's Patricia Apisah.

One Day Youth Football Festival

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Players run after the ball during a game in the One Day Youth Football Festival held late last month at the William S. Reyes Elementary School.



A Matansa U14 player makes a throw-in during their match versus TanHoldings.



Kanoa's Sebastian Manabat, third left, dribbles away from Matansa defenders.

Krizel Tuazon officiates a game between Shirley's FC and Matansa.

A Kanoa FC player tries to kick the ball out of the box.



A TanHoldings player kicks the ball in front of several Shirley's FC defenders.

Shirley's and TanHoldings players battle for the ball.

Kanoa and Shirley's FC players in a foot-race as they chase the ball.



Yankees stay on course of AL wild card bid

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Lee turns focus to NZ tournaments

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The CNMI's Carol Lee has shifted her attention to two tournaments in New Zealand after scrapping a contest in Morocco from the list of ITF Juniors ranking events she is scheduled to compete in.

"I will not be able to make it to the tournament in Morocco because of the conflict in my travel schedule. With the cancellation, I will instead join two tournaments in New Zealand," Lee told *Saipan Tribune*.



bune in an interview yesterday. The Commonwealth player will miss the Riad 21—a Grade 4 event that will be held on the clay court of Club Riad Rue Abdelaziz Boutaleb Agdal in Rabat, Mo-



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Carol Lee will head to New Zealand later this month to compete in two ITF Juniors ranking tournaments.

Rangamar attends athletics coaching course in Australia



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Elias Rangamar, seen here assisting runners in the relay event of this year's All Schools track meet at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, is in Australia for a sprints/hurdles coaching course.

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Northern Marianas Athletics coach Elias Rangamar is in Australia to attend a weeklong course.

The event dubbed as CECS Level III Sprints/Hurdles Course starts today and runs until Sept. 22 in Townsville, Queensland.

"I'll be attending a coach-

ing course in sprints and hurdles and this is a great way to update our knowledge in those two events, especially we will be preparing for two regional tournaments next year and in 2018," Rangamar told *Saipan Tribune* last Saturday during the opening day of an



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rocco from Oct. 17 to 22.

"I'm kind of disappointed that I would not be able to experience playing on the clay court and hit with other Top 100 and Top 200 players, but hopeful-

ly I will get that opportunity again," said Lee, who still has several chances to join more ITF Juniors events as she is just turning 15 this December and players are allowed to

compete in ranking events as long as they are in the 13 to 18 age group.

With the event in Morocco out of her list, Lee will resume her bid for ITF Juniors ranking

points later this month when she participates in the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016 that will be held

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Kanoa triumphs; TanHoldings draws Paire

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Kanoa Football Club stunned defending champion MP United 1 in the opening week of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League after coasting to a 4-0 victory in their co-ed U12 competitive division game last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Four different players hit the board for Kanoa to shut down MP United, which has won the division title in the last three occasions after sweeping the spring and fall seasons of 2015 and ruling this year's spring.

Jaydee Jose handed Kanoa its first goal in Week 1 after finding his target in the fourth minute, while John Mark Anastacio made it a 2-0 advantage for the eventual winning team after lighting up the board in the 15th minute. Kanoa went on to close the first half with a 3-0 lead, thanks to Markus Toves' shot



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TanHoldings FC's Taro Goto scored a hat trick in their 9-9 draw against Paire FC during the opening week of the co-ed U12 division game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



two minutes before the opening 30 minutes of play expired.

Markus' brother, Merrick also scored just two minutes into the second half, while MP United continued to fire blanks in the final frame to drop its season opener.

In the other U12 competitive division game, Paire FC and TanHoldings FC went back and forth and had to settle for a draw, 9-9.

Oliver Fajardo saved the day for TanHoldings as he collected four goals, three of them came in succession with the last one forcing the stand-off. TanHolding, which won the first co-ed U12 championship (2014 fall season) before MP United took the next

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